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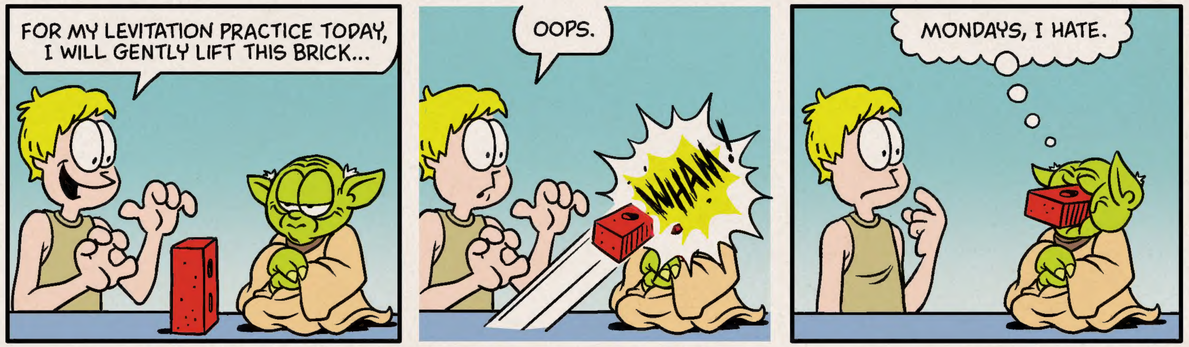


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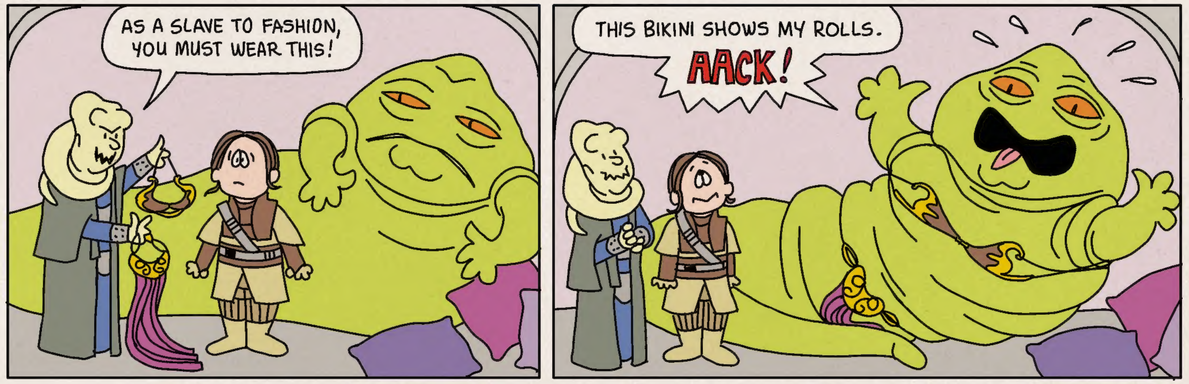




## THE STAR SIDE

The rookie pilot later pondered the value of practical jokes as he awaited his arm-reattachment surgery.

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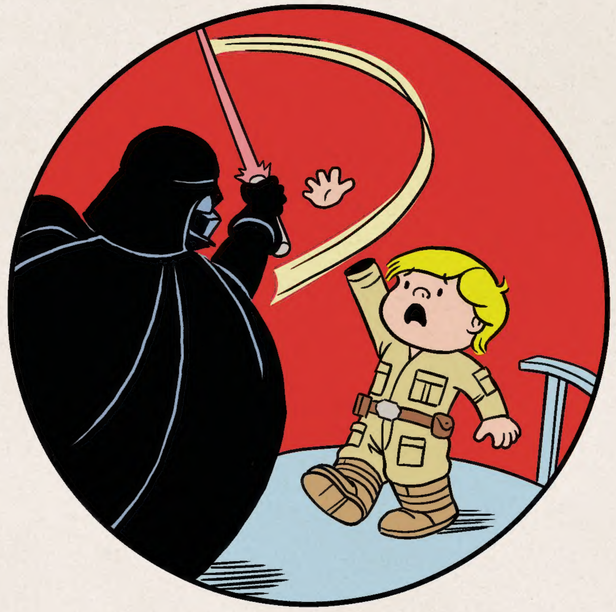

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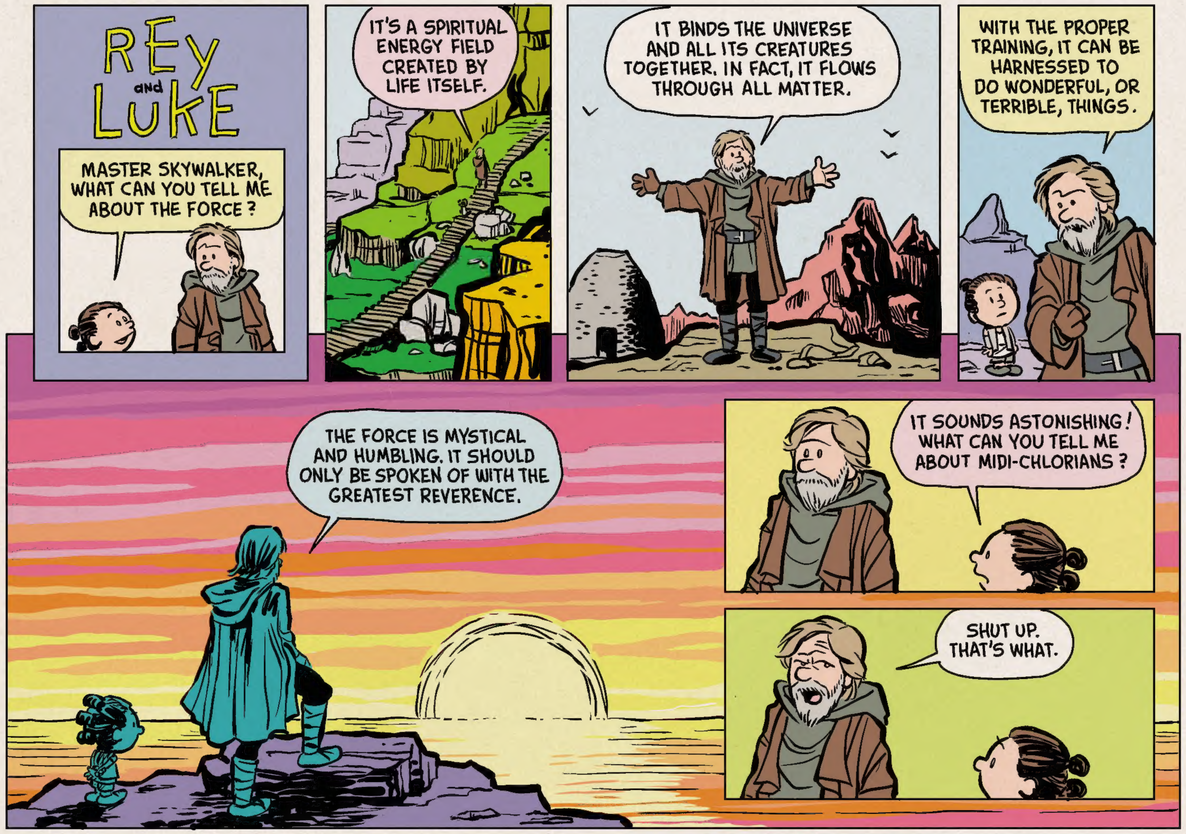

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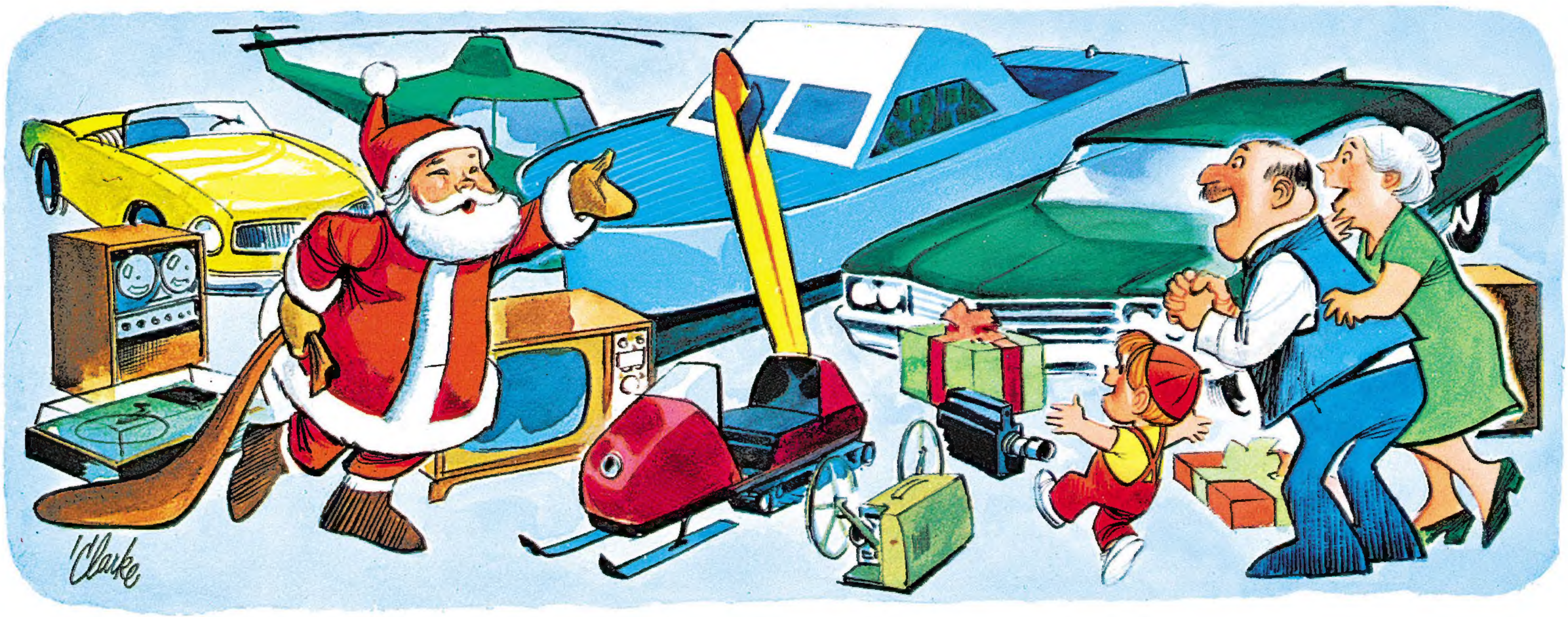

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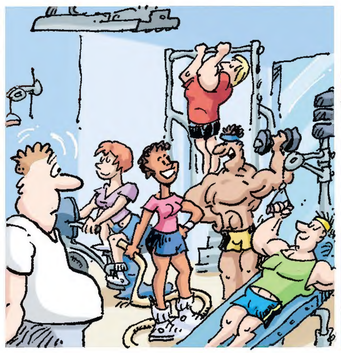
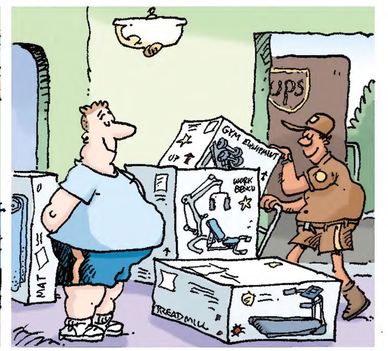
SERGIO ARAGONÉS PRESENTS

# A MAD LOOK AT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS





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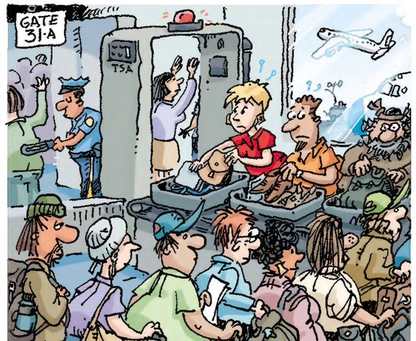

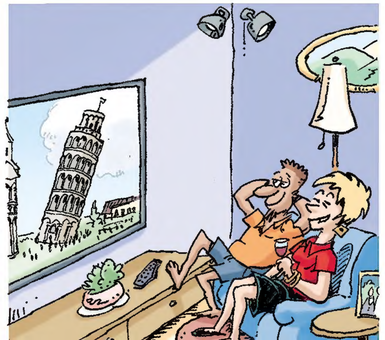

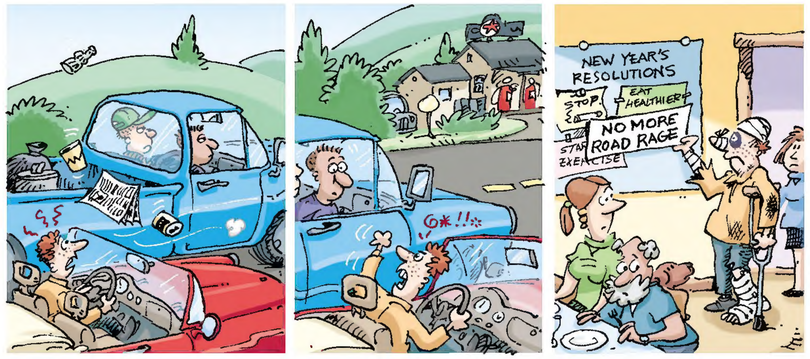
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NO MORE ROAD RAGE

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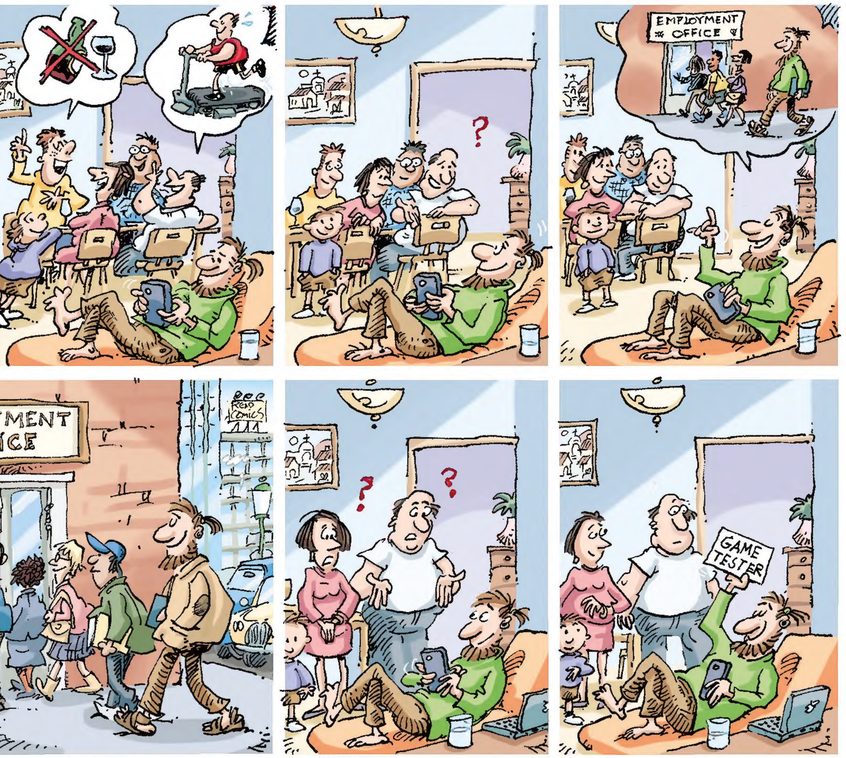
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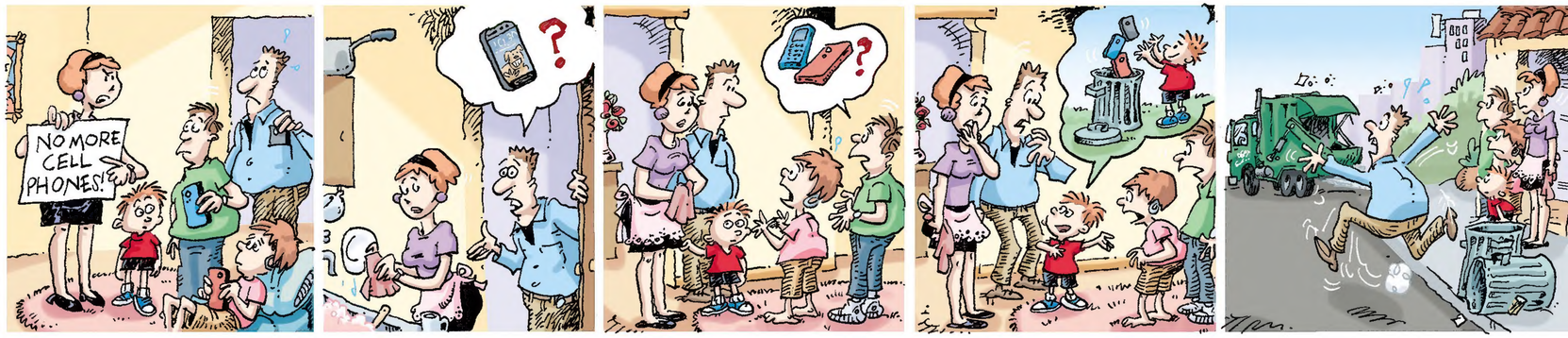
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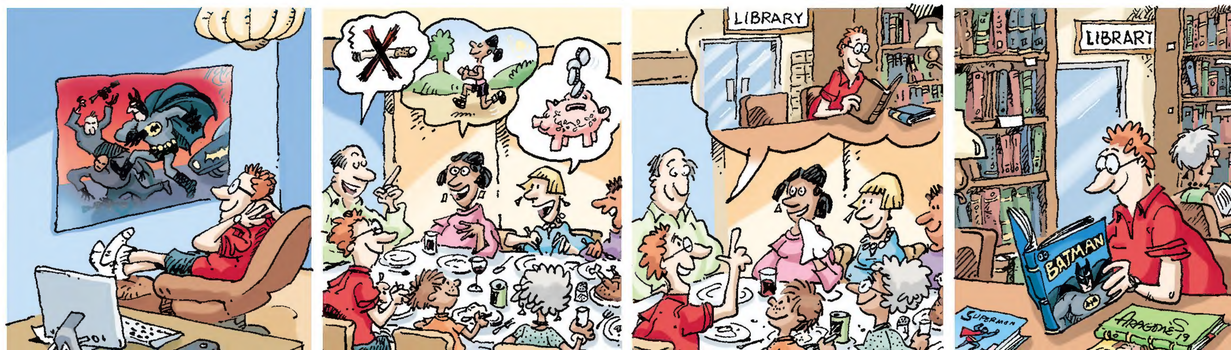
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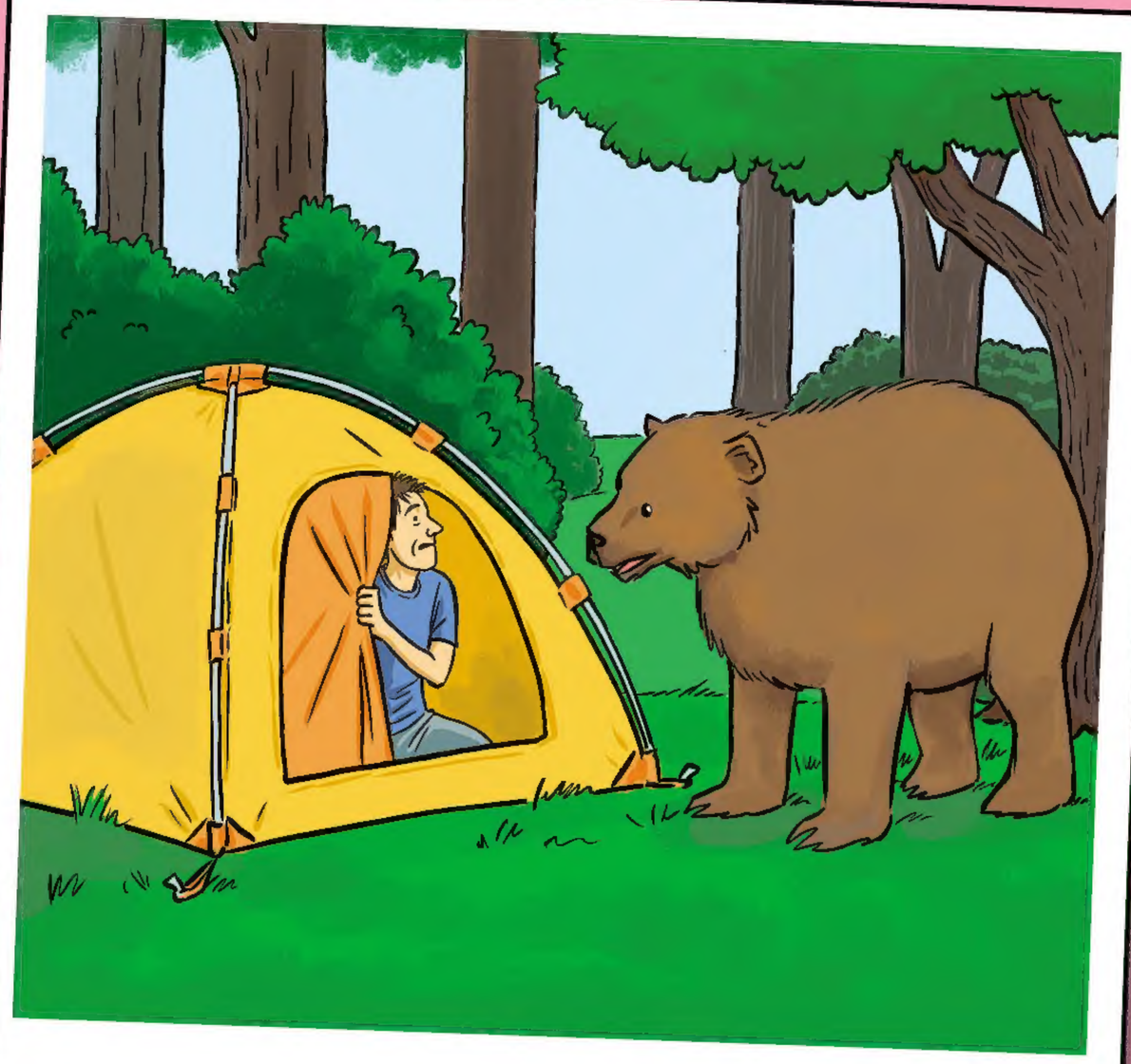

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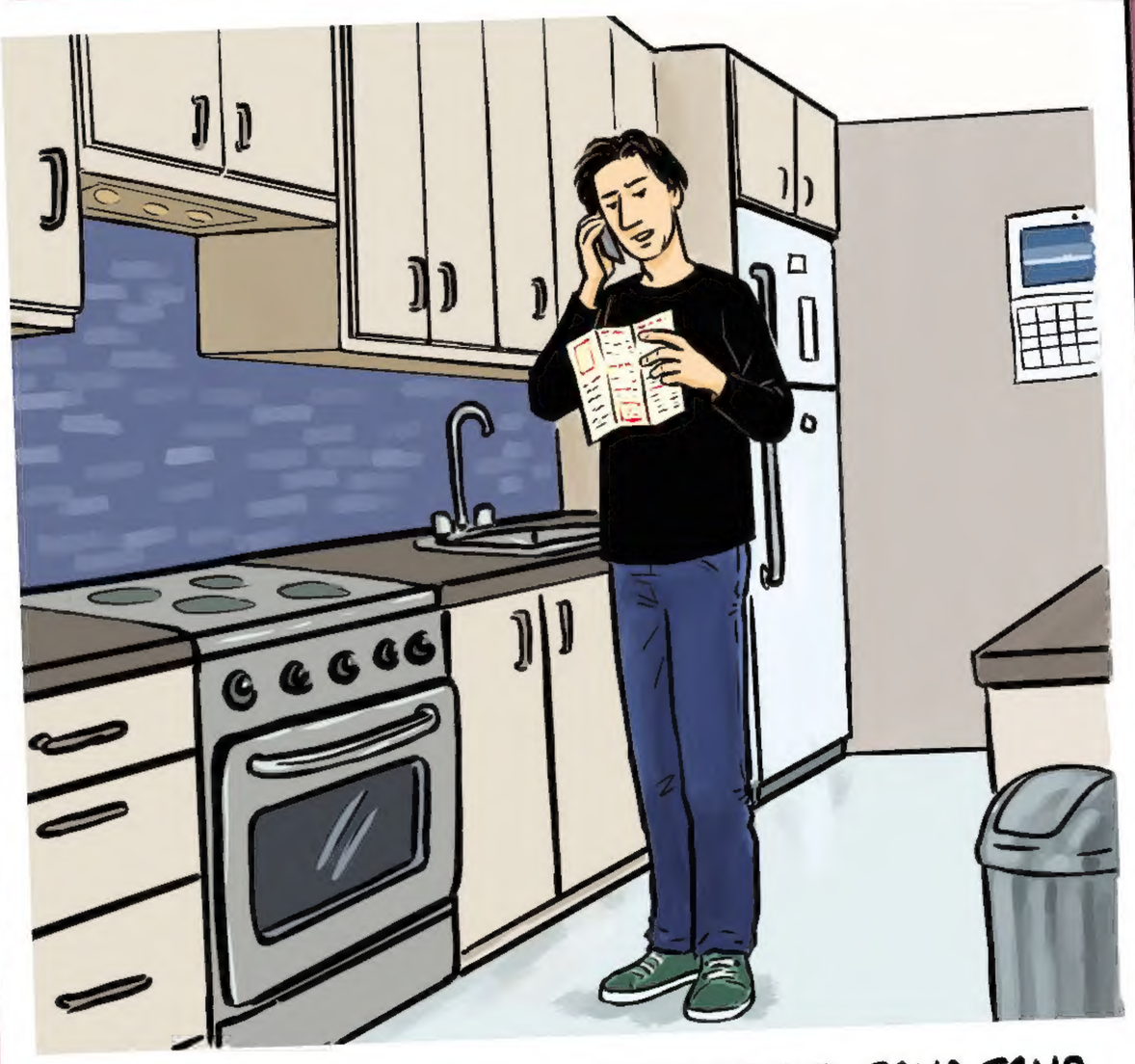

"SO THAT'S TWO EGG ROLLS, HOT AND SOUR SOUP, AND DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING GOOD FOR FORGETTING IN THE BACK OF THE FRIDGE FOR THREE WEEKS?"

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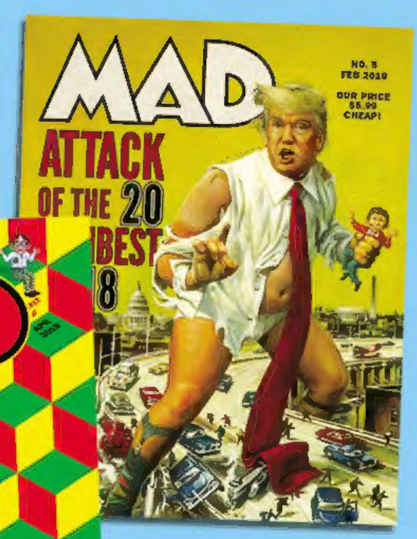


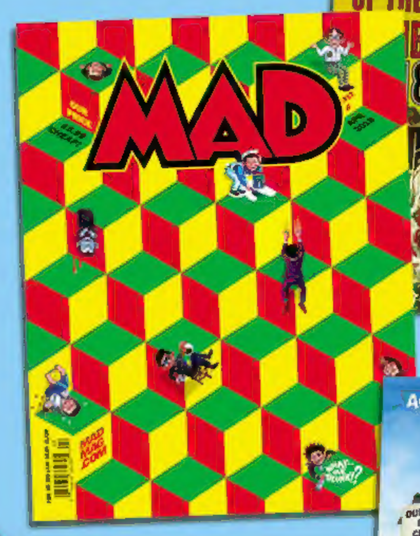

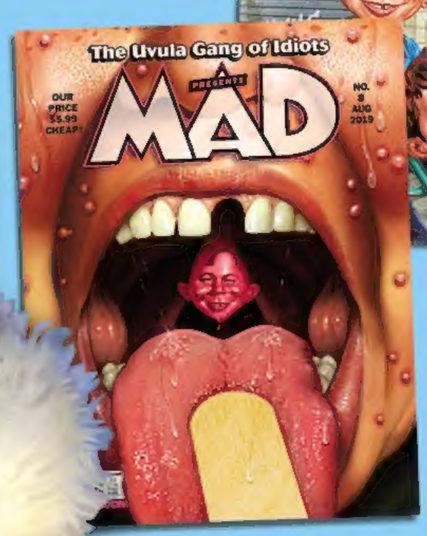

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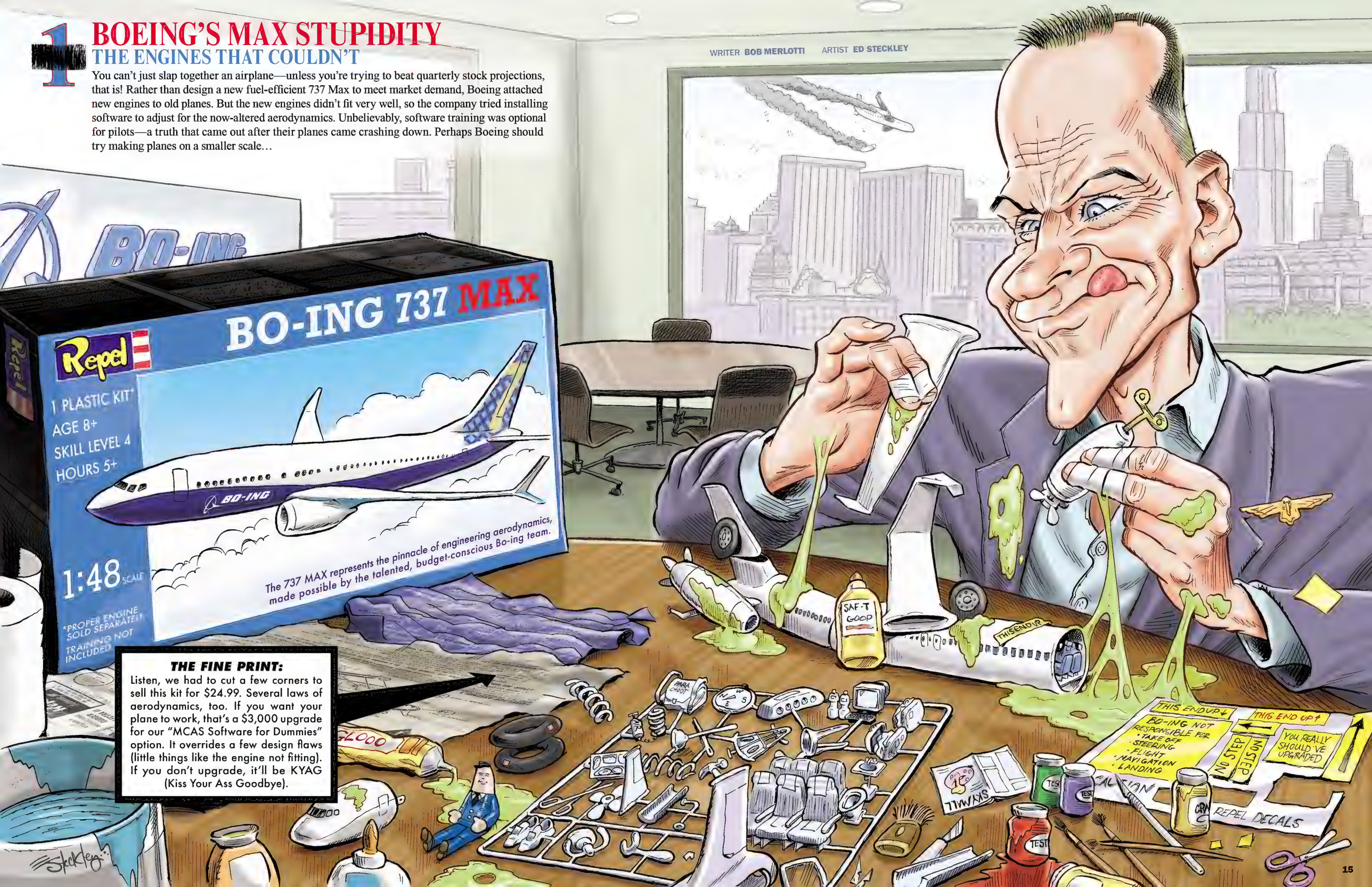
# 1 BOEING'S MAX STUPIDITY

## THE ENGINES THAT COULDN'T

WRITER **BOB MERLOTTI** ARTIST **ED STECKLEY**

You can't just slap together an airplane—unless you're trying to beat quarterly stock projections, that is! Rather than design a new fuel-efficient 737 Max to meet market demand, Boeing attached new engines to old planes. But the new engines didn't fit very well, so the company tried installing software to adjust for the now-altered aerodynamics. Unbelievably, software training was optional for pilots—a truth that came out after their planes came crashing down. Perhaps Boeing should try making planes on a smaller scale…

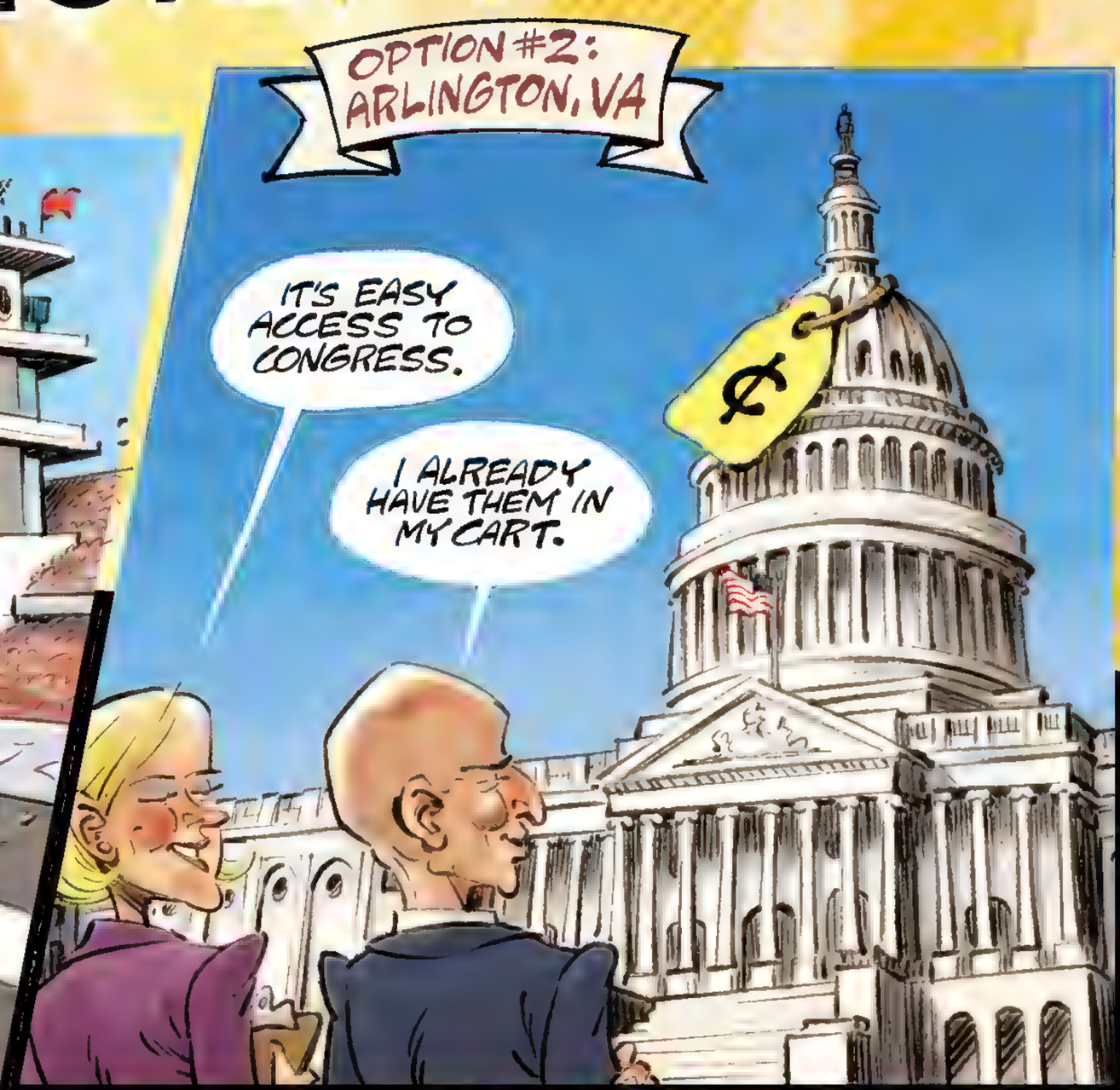


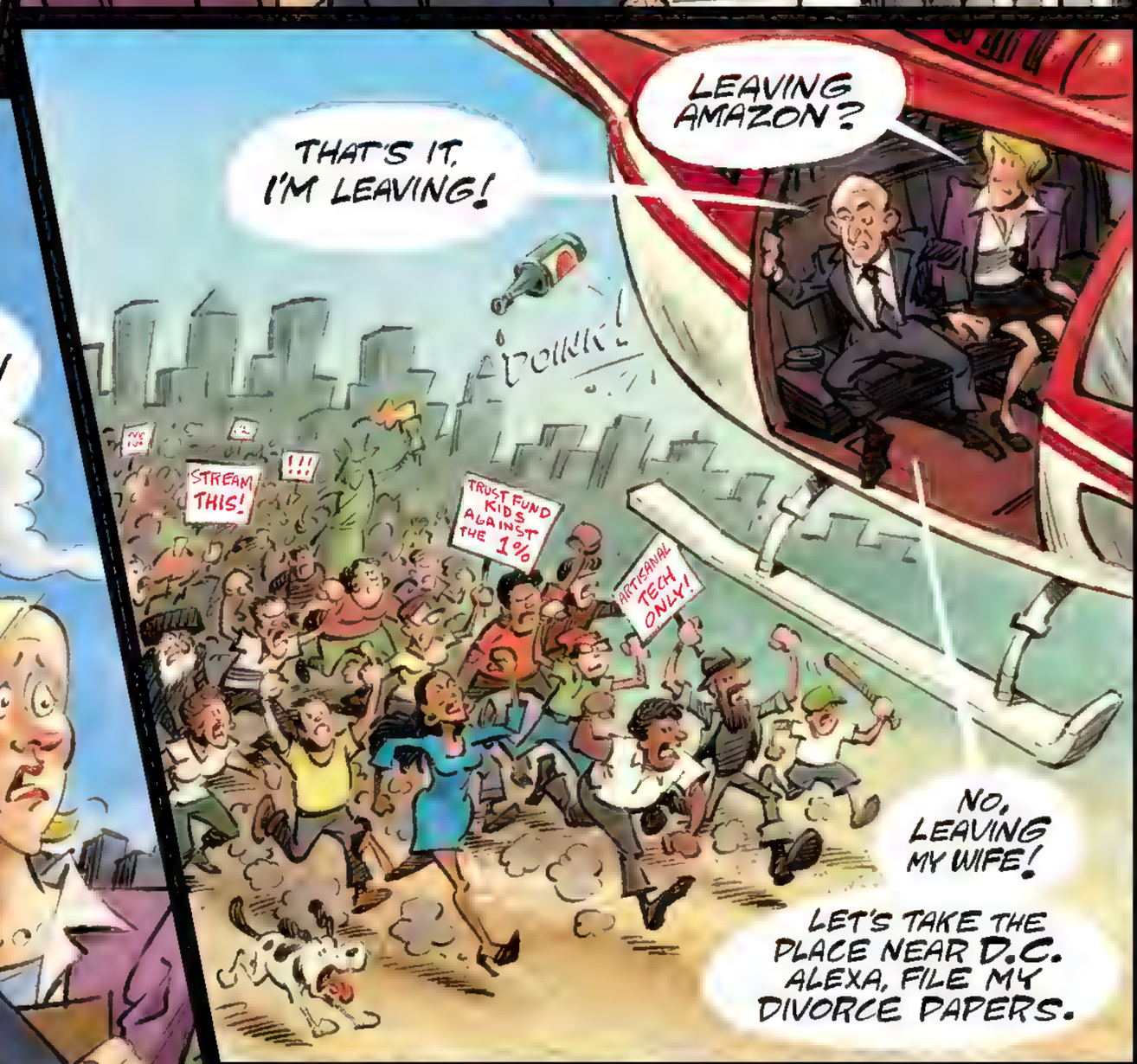

**THE FINE PRINT:**
Listen, we had to cut a few corners to sell this kit for $24.99. Several laws of aerodynamics, too. If you want your plane to work, that's a $3,000 upgrade for our "MCAS Software for Dummies" option. It overrides a few design flaws (little things like the engine not fitting). If you don't upgrade, it'll be KYAG (Kiss Your Ass Goodbye).

# 2 AMAZON HQ2 SUBPRIME REAL ESTATE PICKS

After a year and a half of Amazon trying to wring tax breaks from cities dying to host the online retail giant's second headquarters, the company chose Long Island City, NY, without asking its residents what they thought of the deal. And the residents eagerly responded with a series of angry protests. As a result, Amazon backed out of Long Island City, and Jeff Bezos learned that hunting for a corporation's new home is no less difficult than a couple choosing which house to buy on a cable TV show.

## headquarters hunters






WRITER **SHERYL ZOHN** ARTIST **GIDEON KENDALL**

# 3 DEPLORABLE MIGRANT DETENTION CAMPS

## CAN *YOU* SAY *CAMPAMENTOS DE INTERNAMIENTO?*

ICE has arrested and deported illegal immigrants at an unprecedented pace this year, leaving many tearful children without parents. If that weren't traumatizing enough, the facilities where kids have been kept were reported as overcrowded, unsanitary, and short on food. Not to let horrific events pass without cashing in, Hollywood has found its inspiration for the sequel to Dora's recent big-screen adventure…exploring the Ruins of American Decency.

**SEE IT IN THE THEATER…OF INHUMANE DRAMA!**

WRITER **DAVID DEGRAND** ARTIST **MICHAEL GAMBRIEL**

# 4 ADMITTING TO ADMISSIONS FRAUD

## OPERATION VARSITY DUES

**When it comes to getting into college, we'd always suspected the wealthy had a leg up even when their grades were down. And in 2019 those suspicions were validated with cold, hard receipts. We saw the price for sending a kid who doesn't study to a top university: a lot. But what happens after the 1 percent get caught bribing and then have to drain their savings on legal fees, a messy divorce, and a Mediterranean yacht trip to forget about it all? They raise funds like the rest of us.**

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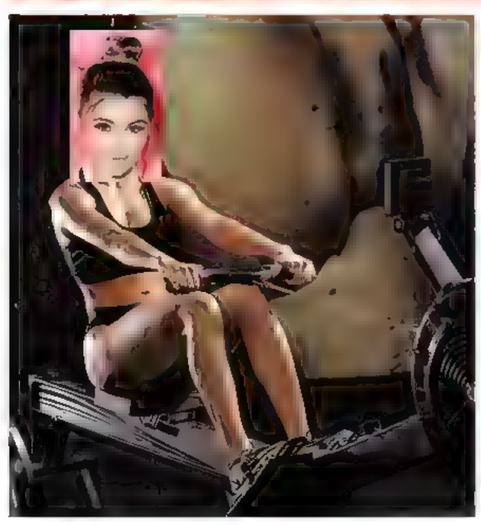
This is a legal way to do this, right?



Fraud Recovery Los Angeles

### About

It's hard to be a parent-slash-actor. If you want your kids to succeed, you have to put in a lot of effort! Which I just can't do, because I'm busy being fourth-billed on a TV show. So please back this campaign and help make my dreams—I mean my *kids'* dreams—come true.

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backers

**12**
days to go

Back this privilege!

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Pay their personal trainer—apparently they have to actually row to be on the rowing team.

**Pledge $50,000 or more**

Pay their SAT taker—I mean tutor.

**Pledge $100,000 or more**

Pay their tuition and keep us all in school-insignia sweatshirts (which I can flaunt to my new prison friends)

**Stretch Goal**

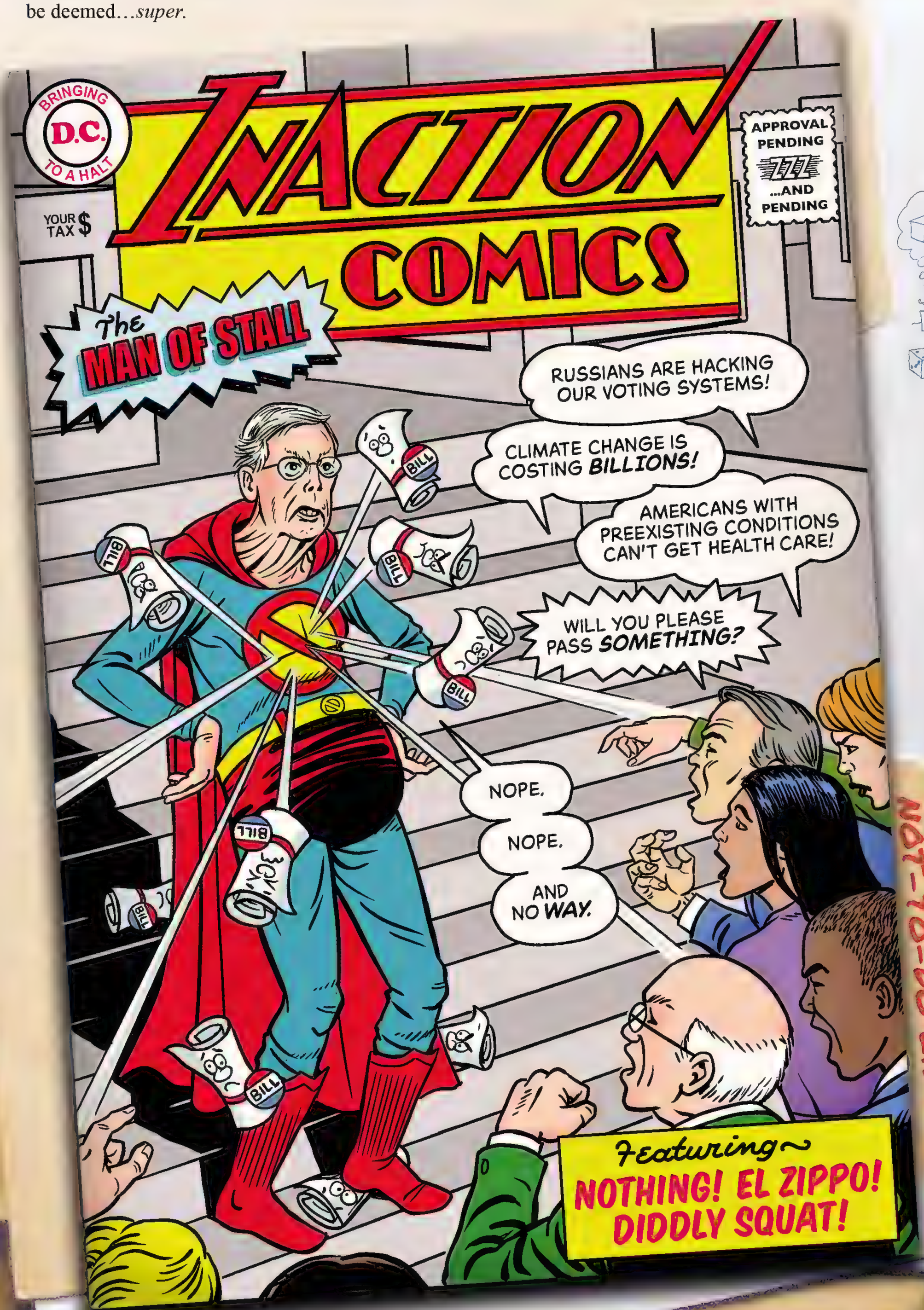
Law school is just around the corner (I hope)!

WRITER **ELLIS ROSEN**
ARTIST **RAVEN JUERGENSEN**

# 5 MITCH McCONNELL'S BILL KILLING

## ABLE TO BLOCK DEMOCRACY IN A SINGLE BOUND

Senate Majority Impeder Mitch McConnell spent 2019 blocking House bills on election security, immigration, gun control, health care, voting rights...and more! Thanks to his unconscionable obstruction, the Senate has passed one-third as many laws as it did a decade ago. His power to thwart progress in Congress could even be deemed…*super.*




WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN ARTIST: KERRY CALLEN

NOT-TO-DO LIST

# 6 GAME OF THRONES FORGETS COFFEE CUP, STORY ARCS

## IT'S NOT TV, IT'S HB…OH NO, WHERE'S MY LATTE?!

The most Emmy-winning show of all time had two years to perfect its final season. Instead, *Game of Thrones* fans were treated to an ending about as carefully strategized as former Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz's 2019 potential presidential campaign. While viewers were asked to suspend disbelief for dragons, zombies, and unusual sibling dynamics, the Starbucks cup left in front of Daenerys Targaryen (good luck spelling that one, barista!) in Episode Four was one continuity bridge too far. Combined with the rushed character arcs and dead-end plots of a program drawn out for nearly a decade, it's no wonder fans are thirsty for redemption.

# 7 SELFIE-DESTRUCTION DYING IN VAIN

In some ways, smartphones have made us act dumber than ever. Case in point: all the people who've died in easily avoidable accidents while trying to wow their followers with killer photos, whether careening off cliffs or falling into waterfalls. Such a troubling trend warrants a Seussian-style primer to teach future generations about selfie-control.

## Oh, the Places You'll Croak!

We'll tell you a tale, it's the saddest we've heard,
Of Beatrix Ladle VonDreidel the Third.
Her story's a tragedy, maybe the worst!
The Third was the last but she wasn't the first...

Grandmother Beatrix loved to go hiking,
Spelunking, base-jumping, motocross biking.
She flew to Sri Lanka (the feeling was glam!)
All for a flex on Instagram to her fam.

While taking a selfie for follower gains,
She slipped, and tripped, from The Great Horton Plains!
Then Beatrix Ladle Von Dreidel the First
Fell to her sad death—and her family was cursed!

Beatrix Ladle VonDreidel the Second
Knew screen safety... at least that's what she reckoned.
While she was aware she should not text and drive
She'd have to slow her whole scroll to stay alive.

Zoos were her thing, from New York to Pomona,
She visited one in hot Arizona,
And broke out her phone feeling no fear of harm,
Till an ornery jaguar gobbled her arm!

Now, Beatrix Ladle VonDreidel Part Three
Had seen all of this, to her great misery.
Still there were more injured folks by the dozens,
Her aunts and her uncles, nephews and cousins.

Some were mowed down while taking pics on train tracks,
Others died by discharging guns off their racks!
Selfies with hand grenades mid pulling the pins,
Yet somehow surprised when exploding begins!

The last of her clan, Bea just would not succumb
To death so explosive, corrosive, and dumb.
It only took dozens of corpses to learn:
No selfie is worth a cadaverous turn!

WRITER **JESSE KOESTER** ARTIST **MARC PALM**

# 8 NEW U.S. REPS GET NO RESPECT

## UNITED THEY WITHSTAND

In a world where fires rage and kids are caged, you'd think politicians would be lauded for tackling such issues. But when four new congresswomen spoke up about climate change, border horrors, and more, they were quickly attacked by Trump, who told them to "go back and help fix the totally broken and crime-infested places from which they came." Which, given that they're U.S. citizens, was precisely what they were attempting to do! What kind of Joker regards elected officials this way? One who would star in...

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**APPARENTLY IF YOU'RE NOT WHITE, YOU'RE NOT FROM HERE**

WRITER: IAN SOTHER ART: NATHAN SMITH

## 9 LIL NAS X RATTLES THE COUNTRY

### MUSICAL GENRE DRAMA

When rapper Lil Nas X's catchy hip-hop western track "Old Town Road" took off, the tune was soon removed from Billboard's Hot Country chart for not being "country enough." But all that changed when the streets of Old Town became paved with gold (after all, there's nothing more country than Cash) and a remix featuring Billy Ray Cyrus broke records. We're guessing it won't be long before more country stars team up with hip-hop musicians to profit off this platinum formula, with a compilation that might be called...

# TAKING THE OLD TOWN ROAD TO THE BANK

WRITER **BROCKTON MCKINNEY**
ARTIST **DEAN MACADAM**

**FEATURING SONGS BY SURPRISING AND COMPLETELY QUESTIONABLE COMBOS, SUCH AS...**

**MISSY ELLIOTT & BILLY RAY CYRUS**
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HE'S BACK AT IT!

**BEYONCÉ & LORETTA LYNN**
*COAL MINER'S DIVA*

**EMINEM & TAMMY WYNETTE (SAMPLED)**
*STAND BY YOUR STAN*

**DR. DRE & WILLIE NELSON**
*MAMMAS, DON'T LET YOUR BABIES GROW UP TO BE GANGSTAS*

**CARDI B & DOLLY PARTON**
*TWERKIN' 9 TO 5*

**NEVER BEFORE HAS THIS MUCH STAR POWER WORKED SO HARD TO SOUND SO WRONG!**

**YOU'LL WISH YOU HAD HEARD THIS ALREADY WHEN EVERYONE ELSE ALREADY HAS!**

# 10 ON-DEMAND ONSLAUGHT

## SO MANY TV OPTIONS, IT'S SCARY

Streaming services have changed how and where we're entertained (we can even watch shows while "streaming" on the toilet). But this year new subscription-based platforms were announced at an unprecedented rate, giving us a frightening glimpse at a future of juggling multiple accounts, apps, and fees just to watch TV. Also terrifying: Monster mergers in Hollywood are forcing studios to cannibalize themselves in order to feed their own content needs. It's so overwhelming, audiences are afraid to pick up the remote…because it's all coming from inside the house!

**R** RIDICULOUS
OVER 17 PASSWORDS NEEDED TO TURN ON THE DAMN TV.
VILE AND VULTUROUS CASH-GRABBING BY ENTERTAINMENT CONGLOMERATES.

WRITER ROB KUTNER ARTIST MARK FREDRICKSON

# AMASSED SHOOTINGS A BIT OF WARNING

Gilroy, California (4 killed, 12 injured), El Paso, Texas (22 killed, 24 injured), Dayton, Ohio (10 killed, 27 injured)... that was just *one* week of mass shootings in 2019. And still little has been done about our nation's glut of guns. But the NRA's hold on our government doesn't have to keep us held up by an active shooter! We can arm ourselves—as in, wear something on our arms to provide an iota of the security that banning military-grade weapons would bring.


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Don't wait until the next tragedy—order your Hitbit today and we'll send you a FREE list of representatives unwilling to pass gun control legislation, plus three pairs of underwear for when you sh*t yourself running for cover!

## 12 MUELLER'S "BIG" REVEAL

### REPORT CUT SHORT

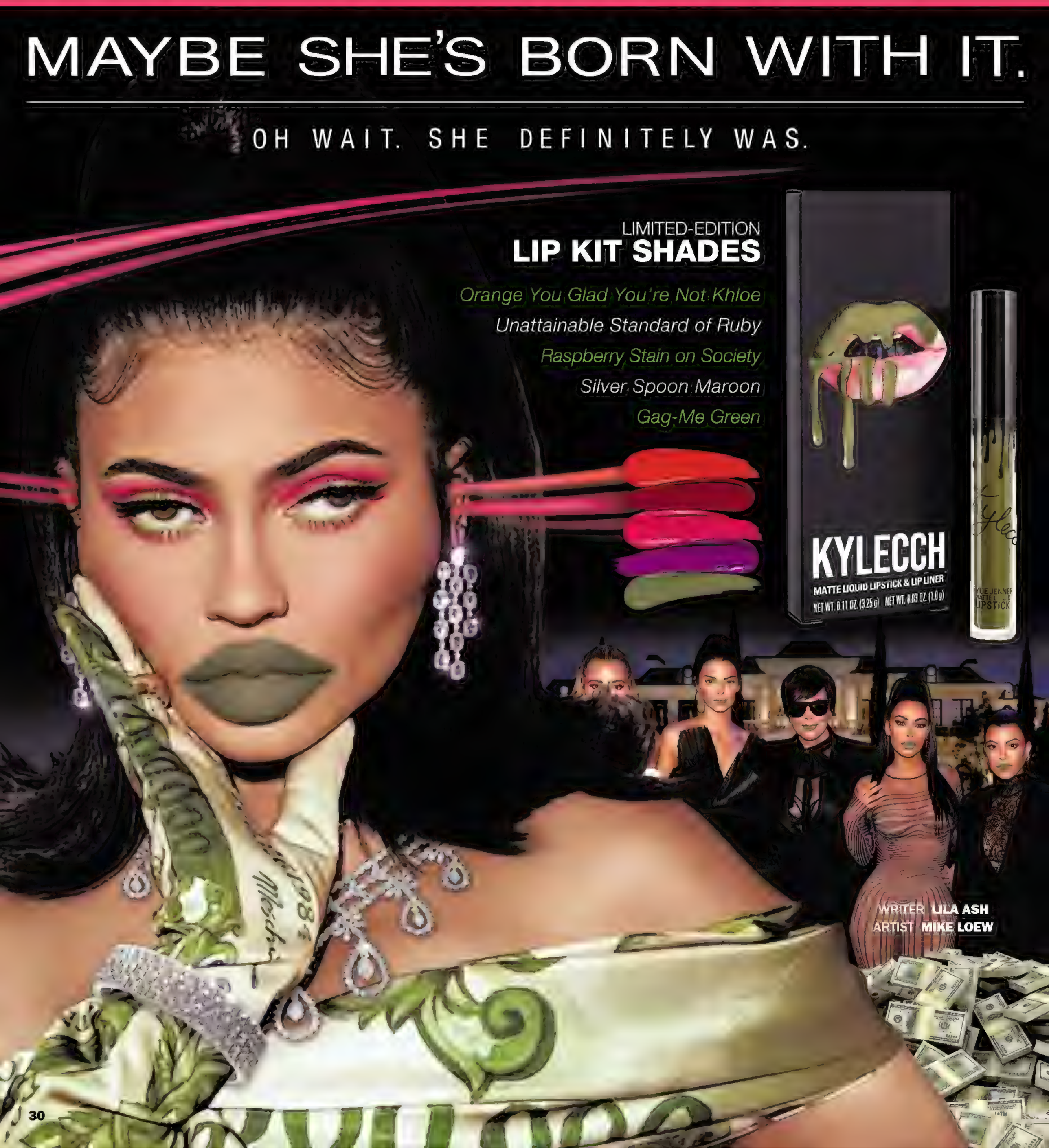
Two years was more foreplay than anyone could stand. At last, special counsel Robert Mueller was set to unveil the naked truth following his probe into whether there was foreign meddling in the 2016 election. But his limited, self-censored testimony before Congress proved to be a case of coyness interruptus. When he finally finished mumbling, half of the country swore that something was exposed, while the other half claimed they saw nothing at all. So much for a happy ending.

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN & AJ DICOSIMO ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA

# 13 KYLIE JENNER'S "SELF-MADE" STATUS

## MONEY WHERE HER MOUTH IS

Kylie Jenner was named the world's youngest "self-made" billionaire by *Forbes*, thanks to her booming Lip Kit empire—oh, yeah, and her E! television platform...and her membership in the wealthy Kardashian clan of Calabasas. But just like Kylie's artificially plumped pout, coverage of her success can always be more inflated! If shameless self-promotion on Instagram doesn't do it, she could take out a classic-style cosmetics ad.



# 14 PERVERTED JUSTICE

## LONG-ACCUSED PREDATORS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

What was it about 2019 that drummed up a delayed response to public figures long accused of pedophilia? Whether in a court of law or a damning documentary, the deviant behavior of Jeffrey Epstein, Roy Moore, R. Kelly, and Michael Jackson came under fire...decades after they were first suspected of such crimes. The Epstein case became even more controversial after he was found dead in his jail cell. With so much still unknown and so many mysterious mishandlings, there's enough here to fill an entire investigative-drama series box set.

## BONUS FEATURES

- Prosecutors' bloopers reel
- Roy Moore yearbook handwriting analysis
- Nine hours of blank footage from Epstein's jail cell (when the camera "malfunctioned")
- A special "Behind the Scenes" visit to Neverland Ranch that missed everything happening behind the scenes
- Commentary by fans who know it's all a hoax because they like "I Believe I Can Fly"

# 15 ANTI-VAX HOTSHOTS NO PRICKS HERE!

Just when you thought the diseases of yesteryear were mostly gone for good, some out-of-touch, impressionable celebs with a bad Mercola habit are bringing them back. Now these anti-vaxxers are on display with the viruses they helped reintroduce in a special (sequestered) wing of the wax museum. See it today (and run to a clinic tomorrow)!

# Madame Pus-sauds

## ANTI-VAX MUSEUM

WRITER **SARAH HUTTO** ARTIST **TOM RICHMOND**

THIS EXHIBIT IS ON LOAN TO THE DARWIN AWARDS NEXT MONTH, SO GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

**JENNA ELFLUENZA**
Hopping on yet another bad trend isn't helping her career.

**DENGUE DE NIRO**
No one is talkin' to him. This is why.

**HEP-A-LICIA SILVERSTONE**
She wasn't method acting in *Clueless*—that was just her!

**BILL MUMPS**
*Someone call Ann Coulter while he's still contagious!*

**JESSICA RU-BIEL-LA**
She ran a posh kids' restaurant for two years... *then* revealed her anti-vax stance. Yikes!

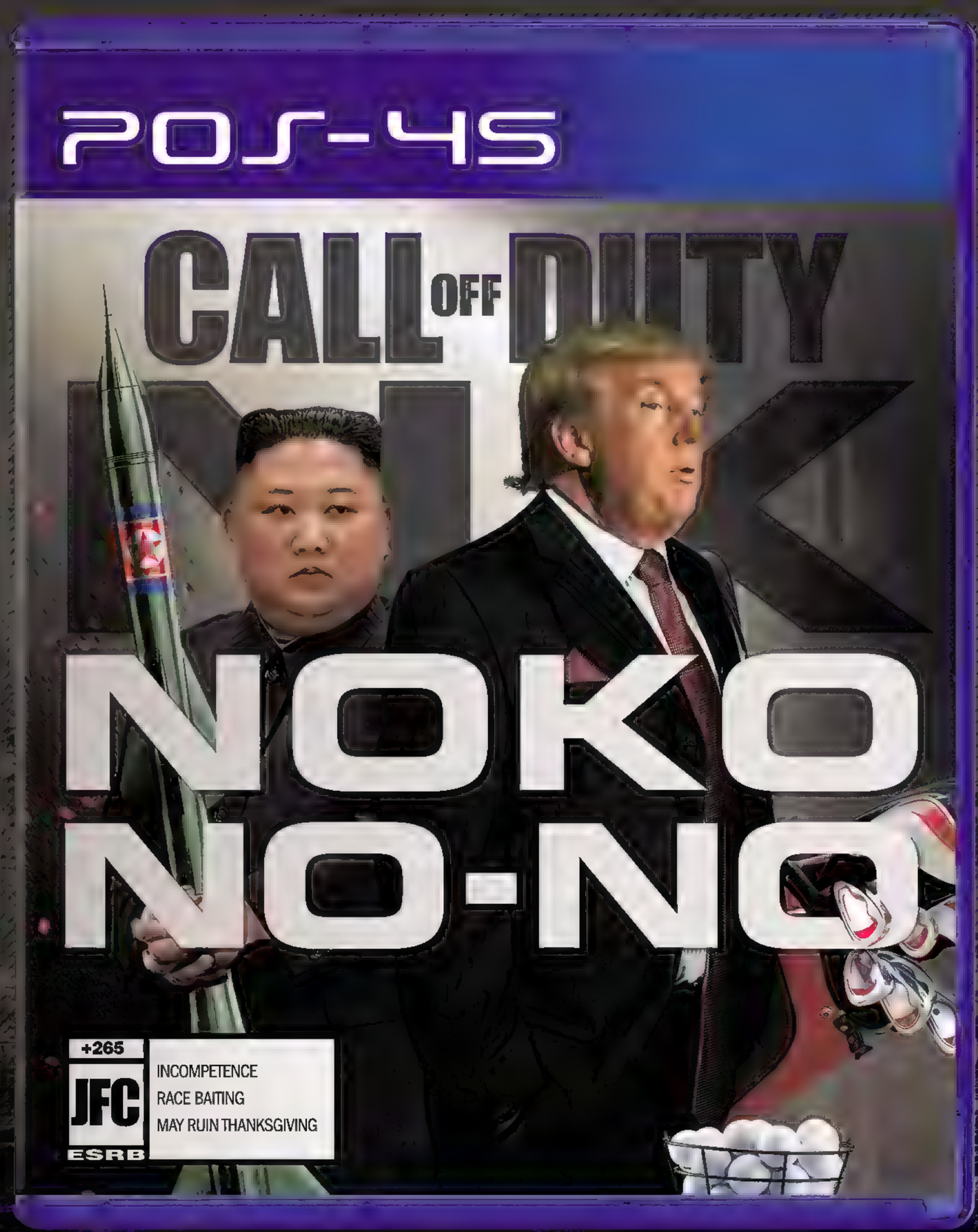
**CHARLIE SHINGLES**
He said he had tiger blood, which was apparently code for a type of herpes strain.

**MALARIA BIALIK**
Unlike the Big Bang, vaccines are not a theory.

# 16 HANOI SUMMIT INTERRUPTUS

## HANDSHAKE-TO-HANDSHAKE COMBAT

When North Korea restarted its nuclear program, President Trump wasted no time tweeting, golfing, tweeting, and then scheduling an emergency summit with Kim Jong-un. But, other than two dudes in world leader cosplay sitting uncomfortably in a room full of toadies, nothing happened. No agreement was reached because the summit was cut short...OR WAS IT? No, it was. But WHAT IF IT WASN'T?? Well, now you can feel the thrill of eschewing modern warfare at home...

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—DR. HAROLD BORSTEIN

FEATURES EXCLUSIVE TO THIS EDITION

PLAY AS TRUMP OR KIM

IT DOESN'T MATTER, THEY'RE BOTH CRAZY!

INACTIVISION

**WARNING:**
READ INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING.

NEW EXCUSES... NEW DOGS... NEW WAGS!

 WRITER **BLAINE CAPATCH** ARTIST **BERN MENDOZA**

17

WHAT "SPARKED JOY" FOR MILLIONS OF PEOPLE THIS YEAR?

# HERE WE GO WITH A SPECIAL EDITION MAD 20 FOLD-IN

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# 10 JUSSIE GETS JUMPED CHOOSE YOUR OWN MISADVENTURE

In the past year, audiences were introduced to a revolutionary form of entertainment—and we don't mean Netflix's interactive film *Black Mirror: Bandersnatch*! We mean the saga surrounding actor Jussie Smollett, who told Chicago police he'd been attacked by two homophobic, racist, MAGA-proclaiming heathens, and he wanted Juss-tice. But as the investigation progressed, his truth slipped further and further away. Wait, this *is* sounding like an episode of *Black Mirror*...

# BANDERSMOLLET

WRITER **GRANT REED** ARTIST **B.C. BRUCE**

## 1

You're about to report a brutal assault to Chicago authorities. You sure you want to go through with this?

Duh, this was a hate crime! (Proceed to Panel 2)

Whoops! Never mind, guys. (Proceed to Panel 3)

## 2

Some are starting to doubt your claim, and you're invited to set the record straight on *Good Morning America*. Do you take the offer?

Really, this was a hate crime! Plus, it's national TV! (Proceed to Panel 4)

Oh wow, this is kind of becoming a big deal. Nah, I'm good! (Proceed to Panel 5)

## 3

Congratulations, you still have a role on a network TV show!

## 4

Your interview airs, and two suspects are apprehended. But...uh-oh, these attackers are actually men who worked on *Empire* and claim you orchestrated the attack. You're charged with filing a false police report. Do you surrender?

I mean, I guess I'll go, but this is insane. I may play a Lyon, but I ain't lyin'! (Proceed to Panel 6)

Well, damn. (Proceed to Panel 5)

## 5

You've decided the truth, whatever that may be, will set you free. And hey, maybe you'll still get to be on the TV show!

## 6

You're released on bail, but authorities submit a proffer to the court detailing how you coordinated the attack, supported by copious evidence. How do you respond?

This is bullshit! (Proceed to Panel 7)

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## 7

Whoops! Looks like you've got no choice, as you've sealed your own fate. You're removed from the current season of *Empire* and indicted on 16 felony counts by a grand jury.

But I'm innocennnnt!! (Proceed to Panel 8)

Guys, there's something I should tell you... (Proceed to Panel 9)

## 8

O-M-G. Prosecutors miraculously drop all charges against you! Chicago authorities aren't happy about it, and Lee Daniels says you can't return to *Empire*—but hey, you're free!

## 9

You idiot! Even after the case was closed, you just had to keep running your mouth.

# 19 DEMS A LOT OF CANDIDATES!

## ADVENT-AGEOUS GIFTS FROM PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS

This year the Democratic party gave us an absurd number of presidential hopefuls (27!). While some dropped faster than Trump's approval rating, other candidates continue to battle it out. But in the spirit of the holiday season, these competitors are banding together to offer up the gifts they feel America needs most. Count down to being closer to 2020 (and the primary) with this special...

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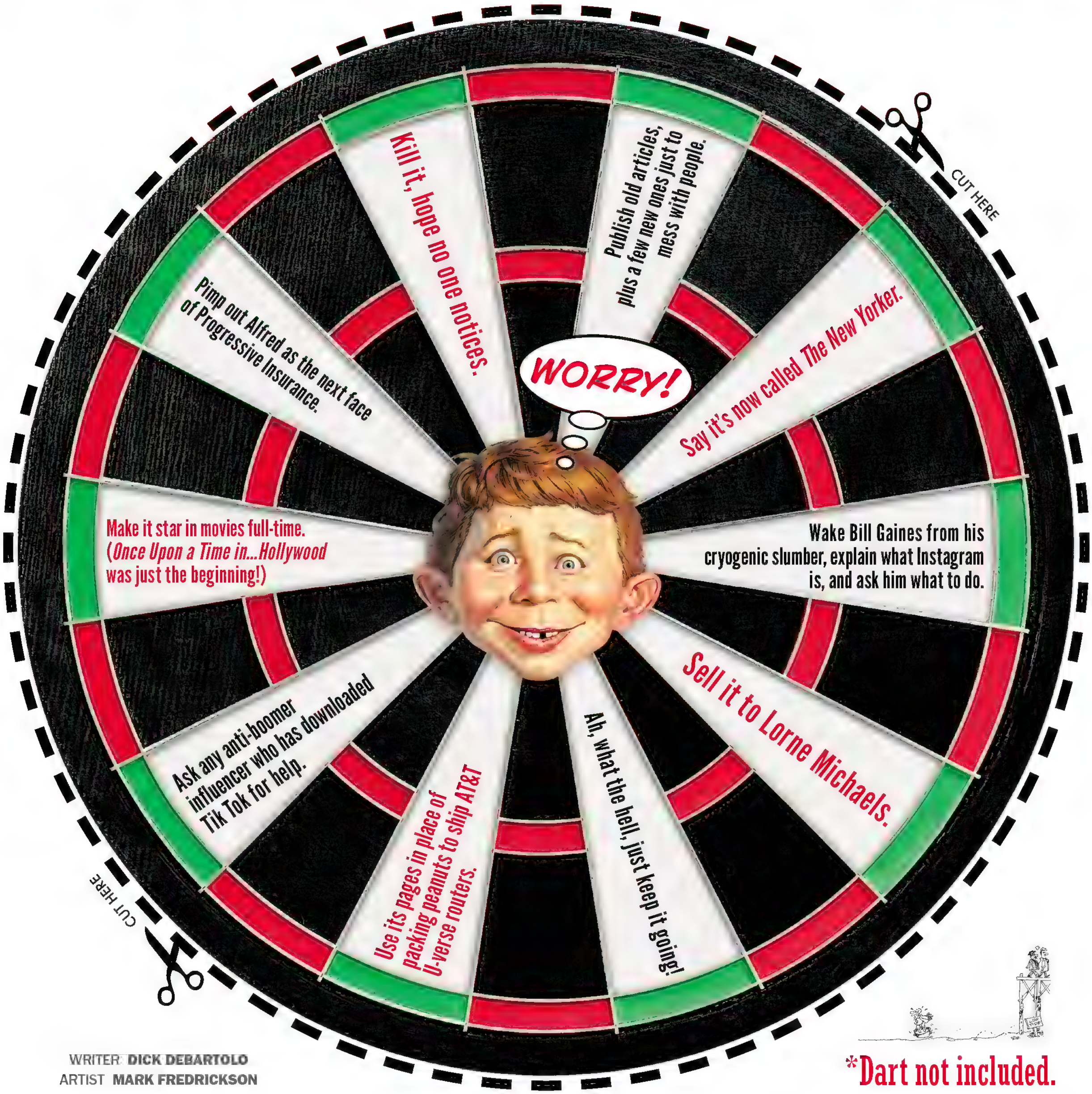
# A MAD "ENDING" TARGET OF SPECULATION

Over July Fourth, a lot of smoke was blown MAD's way (and we don't mean from fireworks): Many news sources reported that, after several decades, MAD as everyone knew it was ending. Fans and celebs who'd been influenced by the mag posted their indignation. We could hardly believe the outcry over no longer being able to buy something they'd stopped buying years ago! Meanwhile, no official word about MAD's demise ever came from our corporate owners, and we've released three new issues since. So is MAD cancelled or not? Here's a fun way to find out (and when you do, can you tell us?)...

# WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH MAD?

## To determine MAD's future, cut out this dartboard, hang it on a wall, and throw a dart*!




WRITER: **DICK DEBARTOLO**
ARTIST: **MARK FREDRICKSON**

*Dart not included.

WRITER & ARTIST **PETER KUPER**

MORE (SEE PG. 56)

# MeaNwHiLe...

WRITER IAN BOOTHBY
ARTIST PIA GUERRA

"LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE'S KID MADE HONOR ROLE AGAIN."

"WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPLAIN THESE ROAMING CHARGES?"

"IT'S ANOTHER TRAGEDY, MISTER PRESIDENT. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE?"

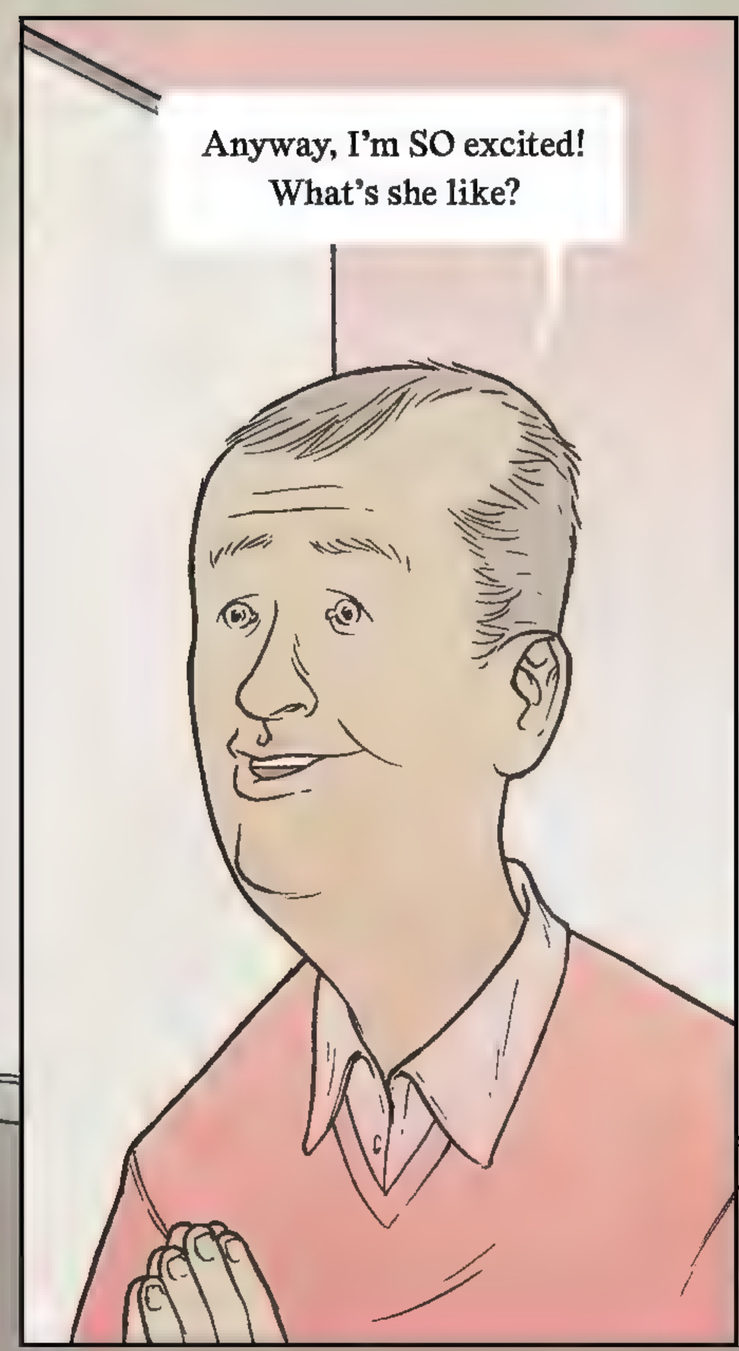
"AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HAVING THESE MOOD SWINGS?"

OK STUPID DEPT.

# CLOSER ENCOUNTERS

Good news, Rory! Looks like we've finally found a match for you.

Oh, thank god. No more making dinner partners out of mannequins, only to be told by restaurant managers to use the drive-thru.

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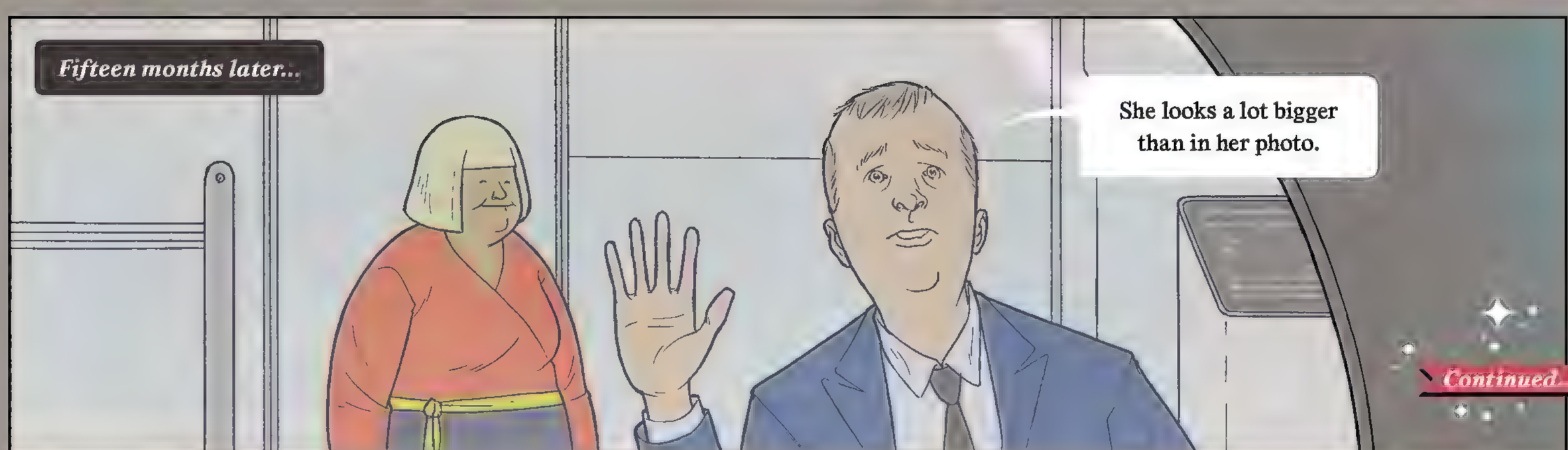


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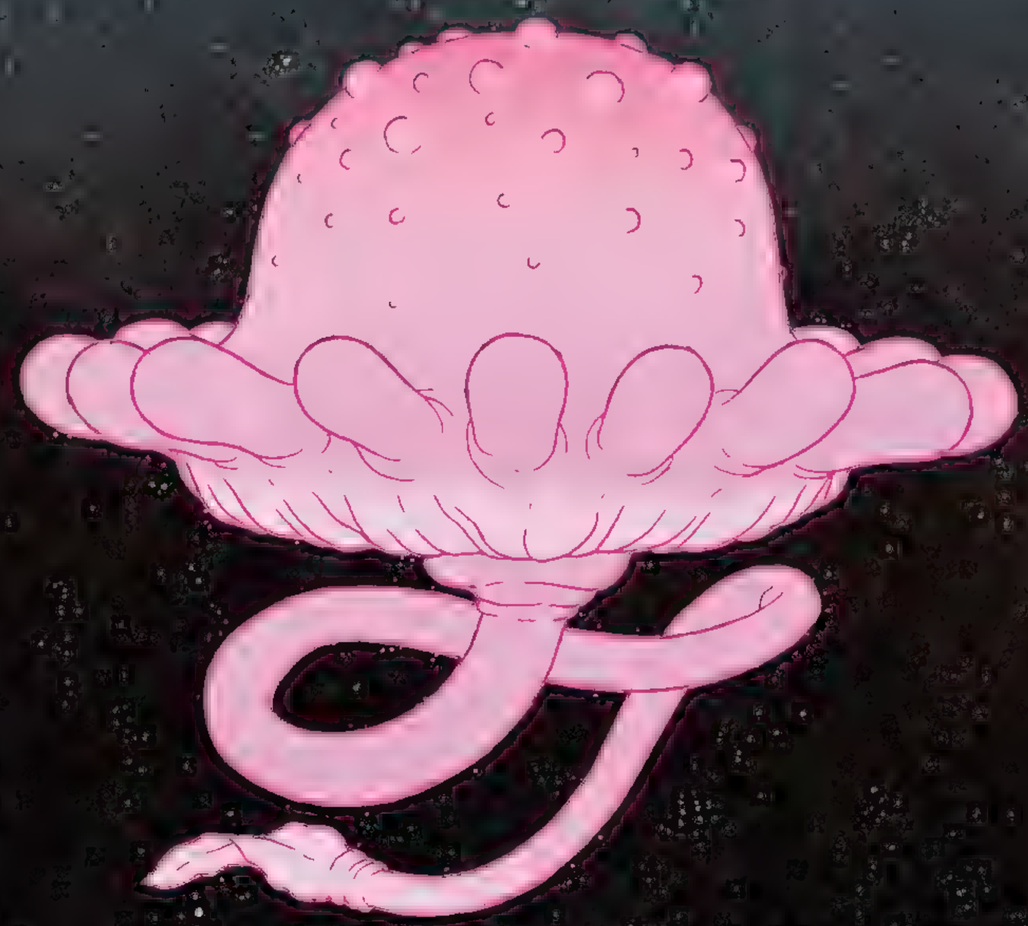
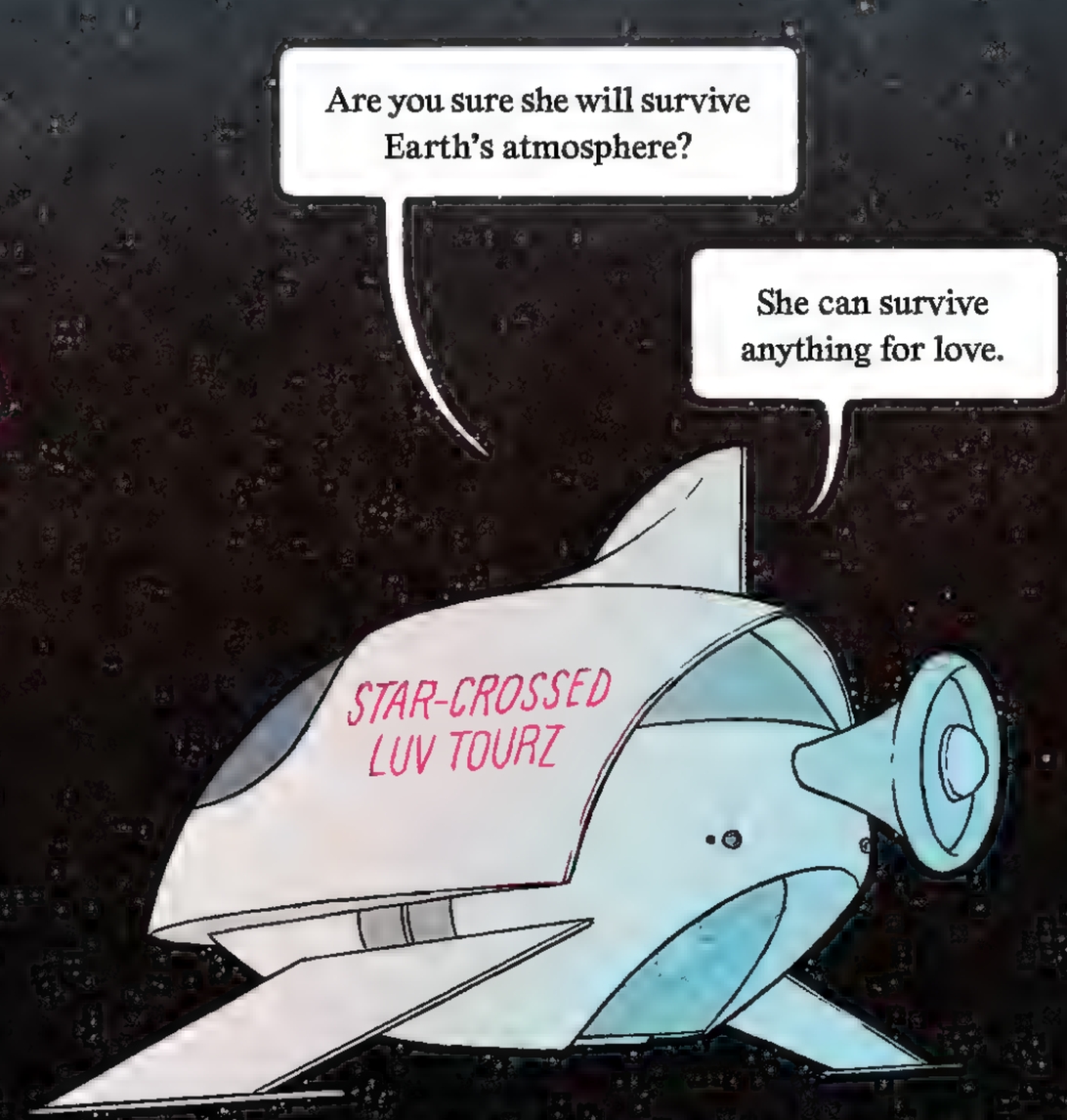
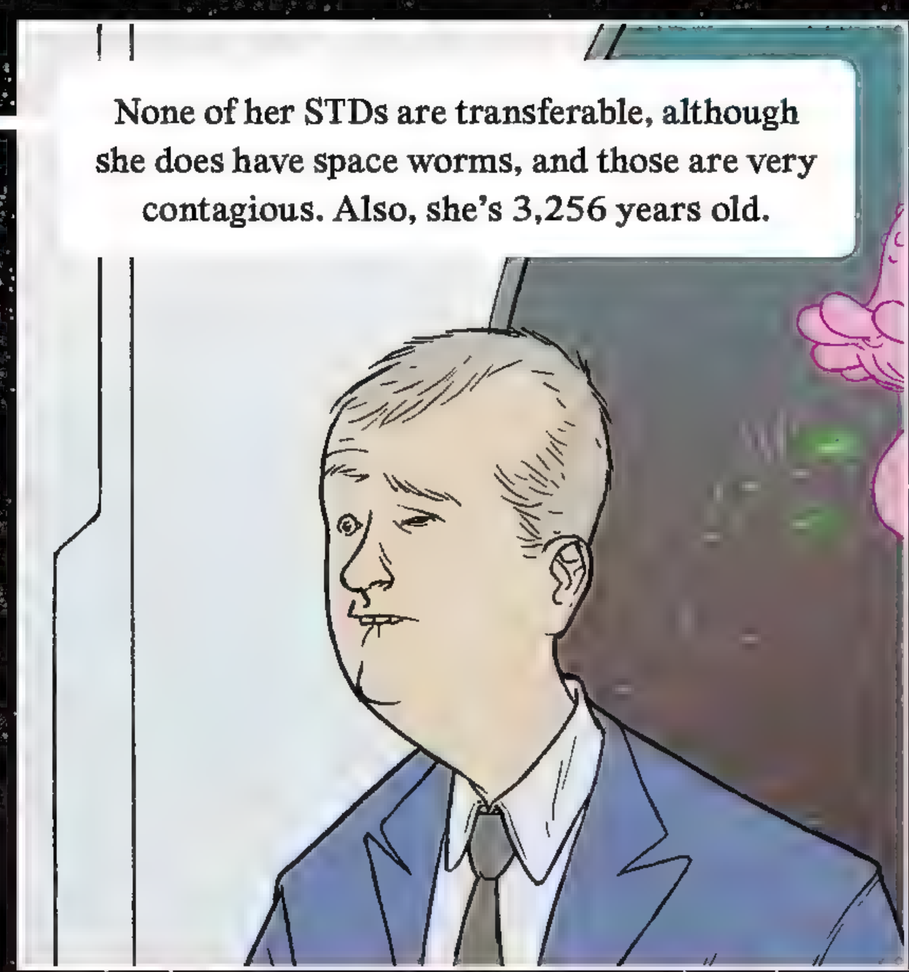



Are you sure she will survive Earth's atmosphere?
She can survive anything for love.
STAR-CROSSED LUV TOURZ

Now that we're here, there's a legally binding verbal agreement on a few more details. She doesn't speak English, but she can cook. Well, not cook, but secrete a substance that's okay for humans to ingest in moderation.


None of her STDs are transferable, although she does have space worms, and those are very contagious. Also, she's 3,256 years old.

I'm not sure if we've made love or not, but I think I'm pregnant!

# STILL DUMB

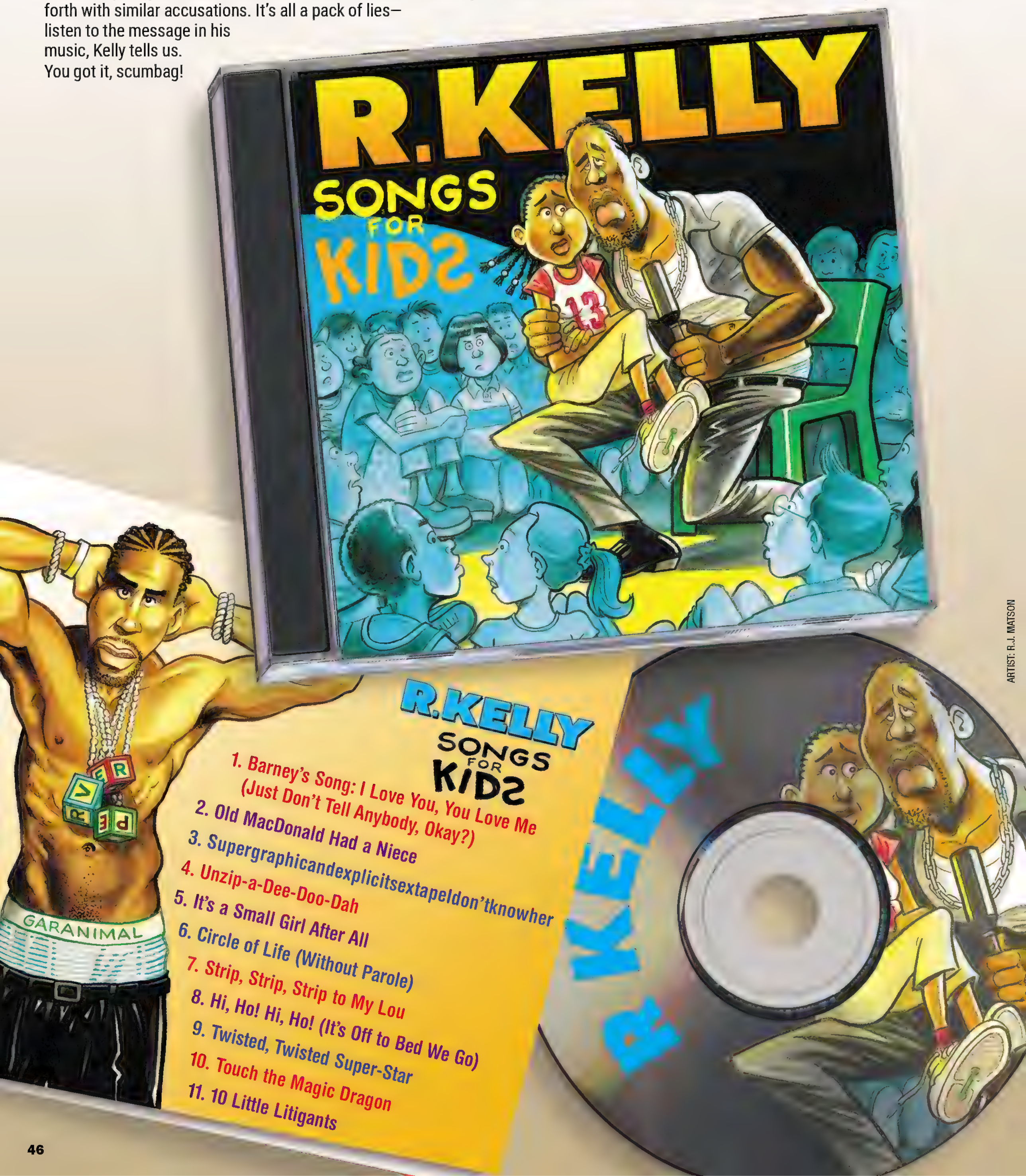
## AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!

The more things don't change, the more they stay insane! Even after shamefully making our past MAD 20 Dumbest lists, the big fails on the following pages nevertheless persist. From long-standing feuds (Israel and Palestine, Kanye and Taylor) to long-standing workers (give 'em a pee break, Amazon!), these "old" MAD subjects still make headlines *and* still make us sick (tainted produce, anyone?).

**For a furshlugginer exercise in fun and frustration, flip the page...**

# R. KELLY I BELIEVE I CAN LIE • MAD #425, 17 YEARS AGO

The art of the celebrity denial in the face of mounting criminal evidence was elevated to creepy new heights this year by R. Kelly. The R+B star insisted the videotape showing him doing the "bump n' grind" with a 14-year-old was a fake and that he had no interest in underaged hotties. Never mind that he married Aaliyah when she was the ripe old age of...um, 15. Never mind that he quietly settled out of court with two other youngsters who claimed he coerced them into having sex with him. And never mind that still more adolescent girls have come forth with similar accusations. It's all a pack of lies—listen to the message in his music, Kelly tells us. You got it, scumbag!




ARTIST: R.J. MATSON

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SEX ABUSE COVER-UP

## THE SINS OF OUR FATHERS • MAD #425, 17 YEARS AGO

For years, the Catholic Church has been warning us about the societal dangers to our nation's youth. Who knew that the biggest danger to kids came from their own perverted priests, who were more interested in the body of altar boy Timmy than the body of Christ! The sickeningly smug bishops and cardinals, such as Boston's Cardinal Bernard Law, made the disastrous situation even more disastrous with their loathsome policy of "deny, deny, deny," while quietly shipping the horny "holy men" from unsuspecting parish to unsuspecting parish. Warning to all altar boys: next time a priest advises you to "turn the other cheek," run.

# TAINTED SPINACH IT AIN'T EASY BEING GREEN • MAD #473, 13 YEARS AGO

After Swiss chard, kale, collards, escarole, arugula, watercress, chicory, dandelion and bok choy, spinach is by far our favorite leafy green. So we were extremely upset when a nationwide E coli outbreak linked to the vegetable actually killed someone and hospitalized about 100 others. The problem was traced to a California company called Natural Selection Foods. (E. coli is "natural," right?), which quickly pledged to cooperate with the FDA to identify the source of the problem—irrigation water contaminated with livestock feces (also "natural"). The big problem now is what to do with all that tainted spinach, so look for a special promotion in your local newspaper soon.

MANUFACTURER'S CONCERN: YOU MIGHT EXPIRE!

## Enjoy an Agonizing, Touch-and-Go Stay in the Hospital on Us!

(Up to $2,500,000 value)

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*Before initial negotiations

Consumer: Limit one coupon per case of food poisoning. Good only on purchase and consumption of brands linked to widespread illness by the CDC, FDA, and/or FBI. Attorney: Coupon value equals actual retailer's current price for item, plus cost of hospital stay, numerous rounds of super-antibiotics, pain and suffering, mental anguish, maybe some magazines and a Sudoku book to while away the time between visiting hours, and excessive punitive damages, plus 8¢ handling if submitted in compliance with terms of settlement. Void if used in conjunction with ongoing criminal investigation or inevitable class-action lawsuits.

WRITER: SCOTT MAIKO ARTIST: JACK SYRACUSE

# EBOLA HYSTERIA QUARANTINE-AGE ANGST • MAD #531, 5 YEARS AGO

When the first case of Ebola was reported in the news, it didn't take long before it was rampant, destructive and completely unavoidable. Not the disease — the news coverage. Fortunately, as of this printing, only four Americans have been diagnosed with Ebola. Unfortunately, there were even fewer people who reacted rationally to it or explained it correctly. Worse, The Centers for Disease Control was unprepared and the White House was slow to react. As a result, the public was both very prepared and very ready — to completely freak out.

## ARE YOU SUFFERING FROM EBOLA SYMPTOMS?

### SEVERE HEADACHE

listening to hyped-up, non-stop, breathless cable news coverage

### CHEST PAINS

upon hearing the CDC's confusing responses of how they're "on top of it" and preventing the virus from spreading

### VOMITING

watching right-wing candidates fear-mongering the disease for political gains

### BLEEDING

from banging your head against the wall out of frustration with all the uninformed, misleading "experts"

If you are exhibiting any of these symptoms, it's highly probable that you don't have Ebola. For immediate relief: turn off your TV, unplug your internet connection and stop reading the newspaper!

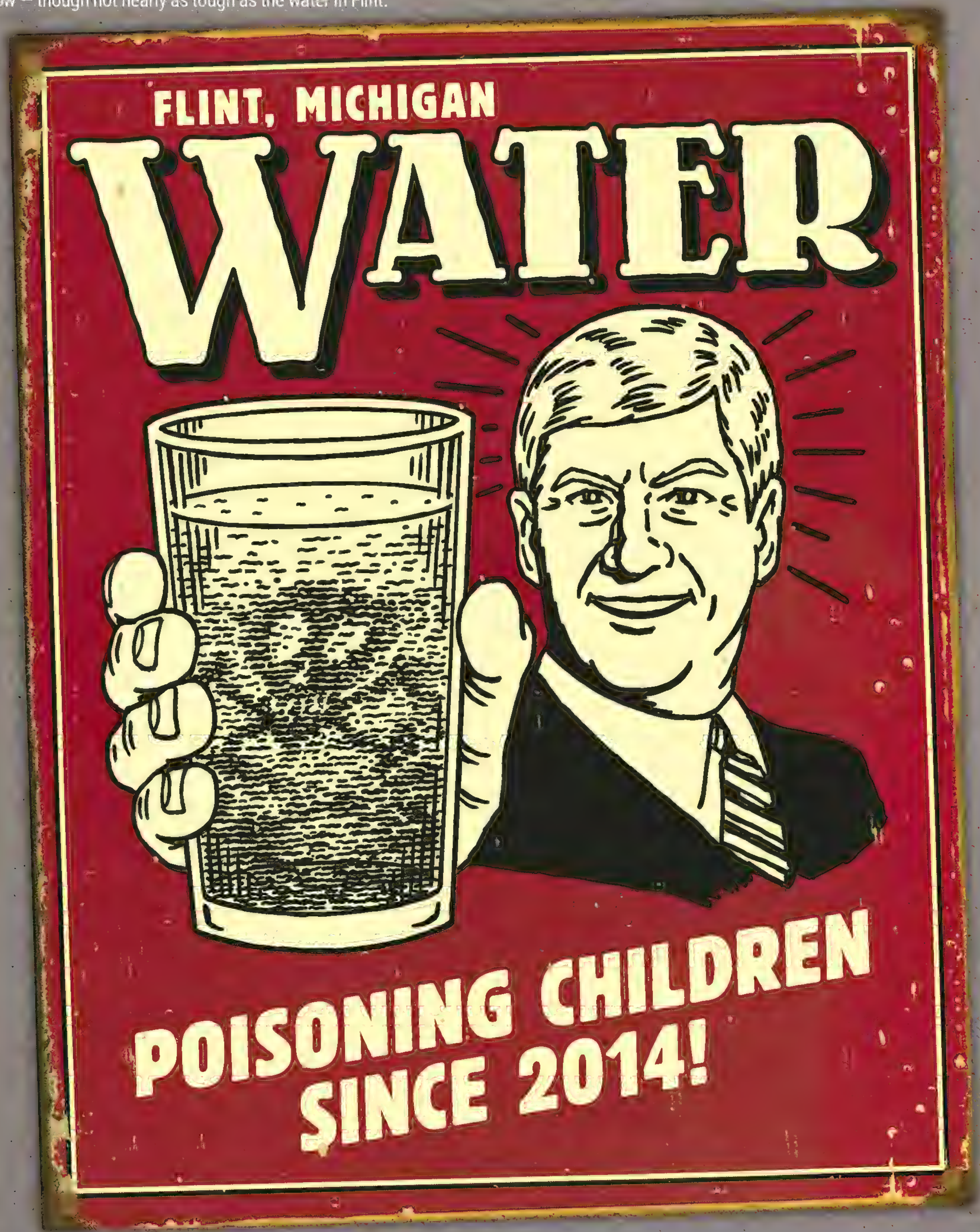
CDC
CENTERS FOR DISASTROUS COMMUNICATION

TILE BACKGROUND: DREAMSTIME

# FLINT, MICHIGAN'S TOXIC WATER

## THE FAUCET'S WRONG WITH THIS ONE - MAD #543, 3 YEARS AGO

When it comes to clueless, incompetent and callously indifferent politicians, Governor Rick Snyder of Michigan truly sank to new lows this year. Unfortunately, the lows he sank to weren't at the bottom of a contaminated body of water in Flint. Back in 2014, one of Snyder's lackeys switched Flint's water supply from the Detroit system to the Flint River in order to save a few bucks. When residents complained of toxic brown sludge flowing from corroded faucets, Snyder did nothing while his constituents suffered hair loss, rashes, E. coli infections and Legionnaires' disease. Hell, the GM plant in Flint even stopped using the water because it was corroding car parts! Officials begged Snyder to help fix the problem, but it took him eight months to even visit Flint and a full year to declare a state of emergency. It's a tough story to swallow — though not nearly as tough as the water in Flint.




ARTIST: R. SIKORYAK

# AMAZON'S HORRIFIC WORKING CONDITIONS

## PRIME AND PUNISHMENT • MAD #537, 4 YEARS AGO

Amazon is known for having the lowest prices and the fastest shipping of any retailer — but they're also responsible for driving countless independently-owned shops out of business over the years. It shouldn't be too shocking that such a cruelly-efficient organization would be so cruel. But that was the gist of an August *New York Times* expose, which described Amazon as a harsh, merciless workplace where overtaxed employees cry at their desks and burn out quickly. On the one hand, it's a terrible and unforgivable work environment. But, on the other hand, if it means we can get Laffy Taffy delivered to our door at the lowest prices the market will bear, we'll look the other way for a little longer!

My Wishlist

http://www.amazon.com/wishlist

amazon Prime

Shop by Department | Amazon.com | Today's Deals | Gift Cards | Sell | Help | Hello Your Account | Your Prime | Wish List | Cart

### Amazon Worker's Wishlist

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**"Hang in There" Kitty Poster**

This frame-ready poster contains just the right words to inspire and encourage you while working at the office until 3 A.M. on a Sunday morning.

**$5.91** *Prime*

Add to Cart

**Pepto-Bismol**

5-gallon size is perfect for anyone under so much stress from their job that they've developed a bleeding ulcer the size of a casaba melon.

**$79.50** *Prime*

Add to Cart

**Escape Rope Ladder**

Whether it's to get chemo treatment, give birth, attend your mother's funeral or some other major life event that your manager wouldn't allow you to take off work for, this escape ladder allows you to slip in and out without being detected.

**$32.11** *Prime*

Add to Cart

**Depend Adult Diapers**

These disposable undergarments allow you to urinate or have a bowel movement without having to leave your desk. Super-absorbent, one diaper will easily contain the bodily waste of the average human during a 16-hour work day.

**$16.24** *Prime*

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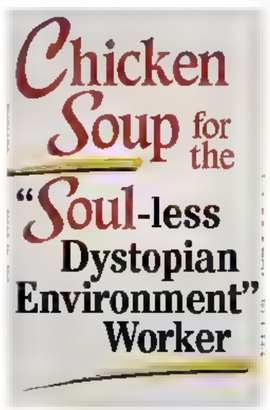


***Chicken Soup for the "Soulless, Dystopian Environment" Worker***

Based on a direct quote from *The New York Times'* damning Amazon exposé, *Chicken Soup for the "Soulless, Dystopian Environment" Worker* is a balm for the wounded psyche of any harried Amazon worker. Special foreword by Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos threatens employees with immediate termination if caught reading this book on company time.

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**Picture Frame**

Display that special photo of the family you only get to see 2-3 hours a week on your desk in this classic 5"x7" black frame. An ideal companion to our "Hang in There" Kitty Poster to longingly gaze at when working at the office until 3 A.M. on a Sunday morning.

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Never shed tears and snot all over important work documents and office equipment again! This jumbo-sized 8-pack contains enough triple-ply tissues for a month's worth* of crying jags that come whenever you make the mistake of pondering the terrible toll working for a ruthless and heartless corporation has had on your health and personal life.

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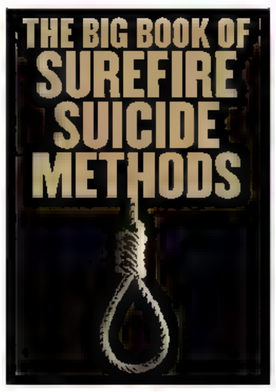


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This book is considered by experts to be the gold standard for those who are literally trapped in soul-crushing office jobs and can see no other way out. From hanging yourself at your desk to slashing your wrists with the jagged edge of a tape dispenser, *The Big Book of Surefire Suicide Methods* will be the last book you'll ever need.

**$13.44** *Prime*

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# KANYE WEST TALK IS CREEP • MAD #502, 10 YEARS AGO

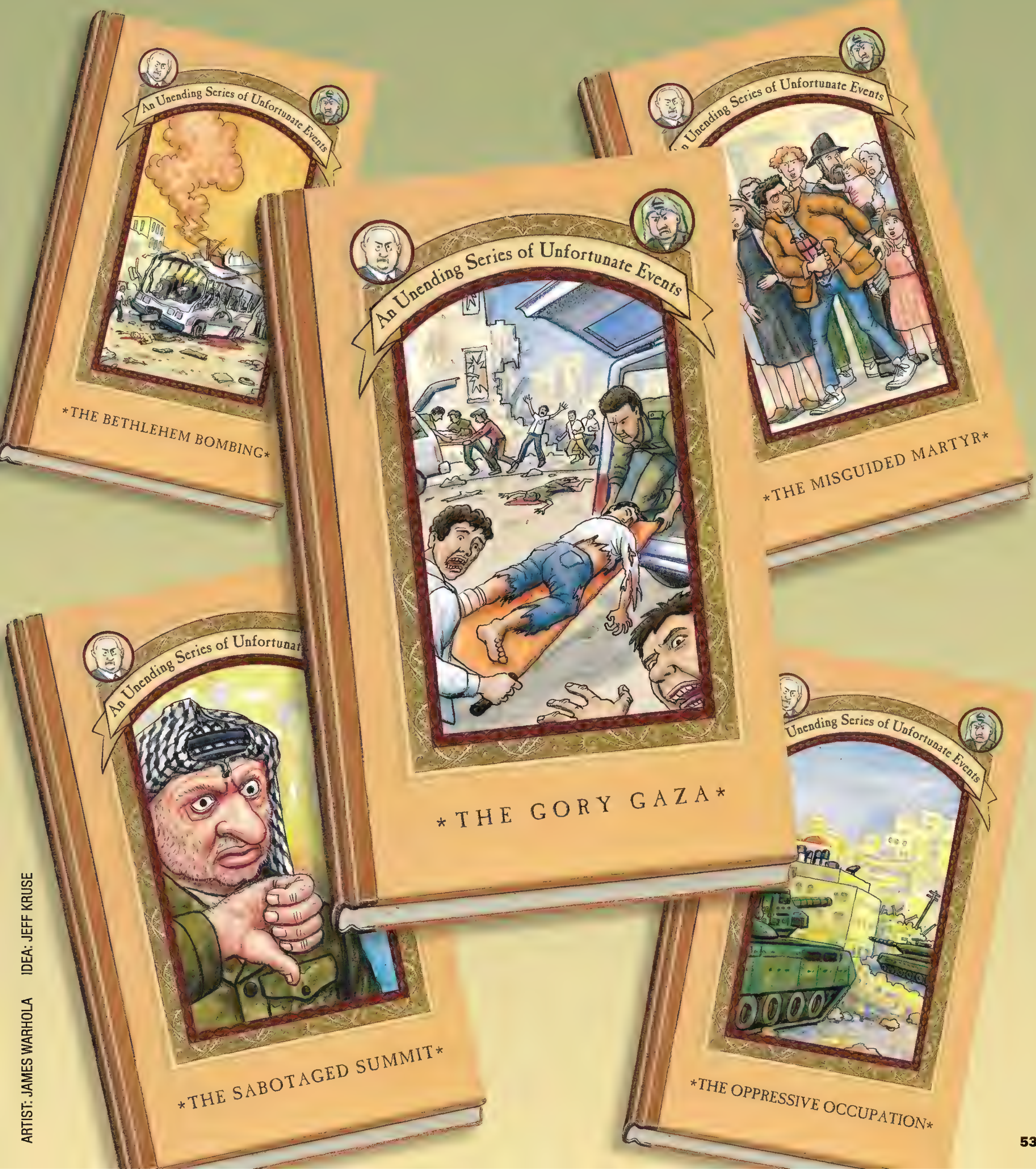
We're not Taylor Swift fans – but if we were at the VMAs, we would have clapped politely during her acceptance speech. If we were jerks, we would have booed or twittered something mean while she spoke. That's what separates us from a visionary like Kanye West. Who else would think to rip the mic right out of Swift's hands and tell the world who HE knew should have won? West's most ground-breaking achievements haven't been in music—they've been in the fine art of douche-baggery. So here's a statue just for Kanye – and we promise, no one will interrupt his acceptance speech – because NO ONE deserves it more than him!

ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA

# THE ISRAEL/PALESTINE CONFLICT

## TWO WRONGS MAKE A FIGHT • 71 YEARS AGO (...BUT WE CALLED IT DUMB IN MAD #475, 17 YEARS AGO)

Like a real-life version of our own Spy Vs. Spy gone horribly awry, the leaders of Israel and Palestine seem forever engaged in an incredibly deadly game of one-upmanship. Every so often a cease-fire is agreed upon, and occasionally it lasts as long as the average Oscar telecast. Then the violence resumes, with Sharon blaming Arafat, and Arafat blaming Sharon. So who could blame the rest of the world for growing weary of this Unending Series of Unfortunate Events — more unfortunate than any event Lemony Snicket himself could ever dream up?




ARTIST: JAMES WARHOLA IDEA: JEFF KRUSE

# THE DONALD TRUMP RUN FOR THE PRESIDENCY

## A CANDIDATE THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY • MAD #543, 3 YEARS AGO

After eight years of the Obama Administration, everyone knew that 2016 would be a pivotal year, filled with discussion about how the next President might change things. And Donald Trump HAS changed things. He changed political debates into name-calling schoolyard brawls. He pioneered the fact-free campaign. He managed to combine the ideas of the crazy-homeless-guy-shouting-at-the-bus-station with the measured, nuanced delivery of the crazy-uncle-ranting-at-the-Thanksgiving-table. His shocking victory was a nauseating validation of his soul-crushingly noxious campaign — and whether you thought he was a monster or a hero, he couldn't be ignored, and, unfortunately, won't soon be forgotten.

**Donald Trump was an obnoxiously rich reality-TV jackass until he became...**

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ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA

# RANDOM ACTS OF SENSELESS VIOLENCE MAD #389, 20 YEARS AGO

**Question:** How many times in 1999 did some wacko go nuts, pick up a gun and start shooting innocent people? Sadly, we've lost count. Reports of senseless violence have become as commonplace in the news as stories about the guy who won millions in the lottery and then went bankrupt a year later. And as long as the NRA has Congress in its pocket, nut jobs will have easy access to guns and the body count will rise. Just watch. And while you're at it, keep an eye out for...

PHOTOGRAPHER: IRVING SCHILD WRITER: MICHAEL GALLAGHER

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We do our best to bring you the worst, but sometimes we worst our own best. Because of that, we have a few credit corrections for MAD #10.

***Karen Simmons co-wrote "First Comedian on Mars" with Eddie Pepitone.***
***Scott Dooley wrote "I Do Declare" in Shorts & Briefs.***
***Kyle Bridgett's credit for "Humour While You Wait: Monkey's Paw" fell into the void and we've now retrieved it.***


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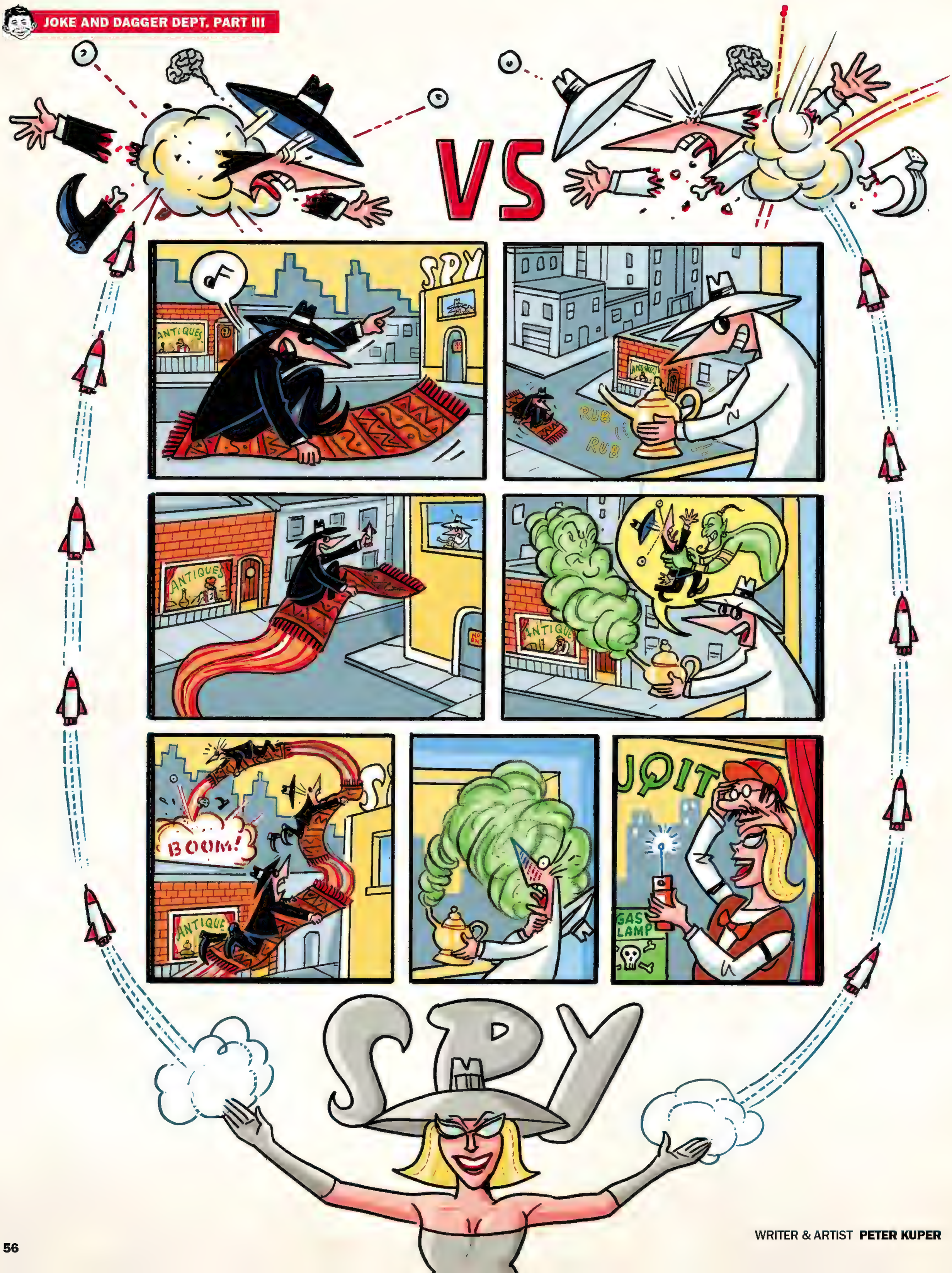


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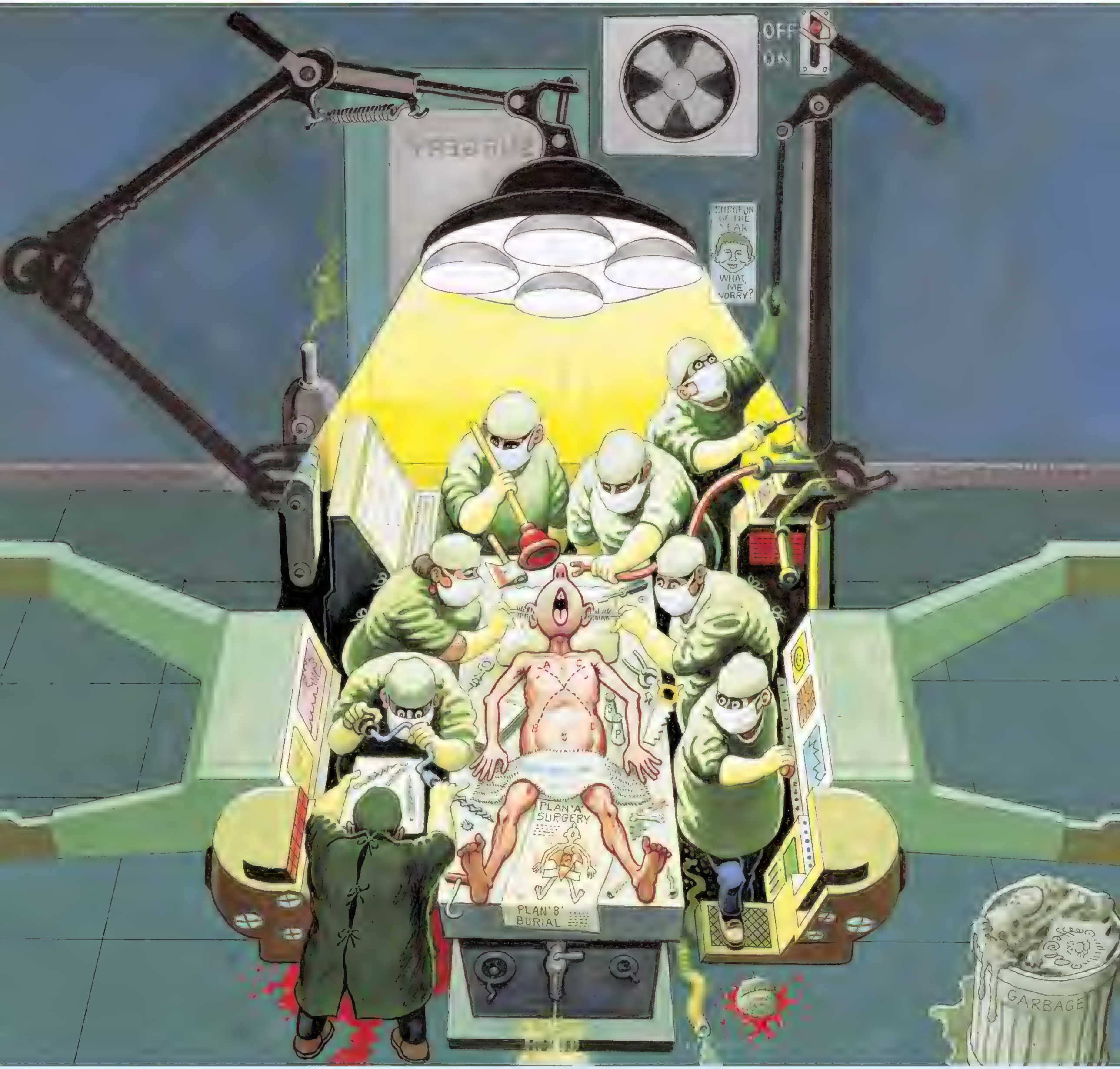


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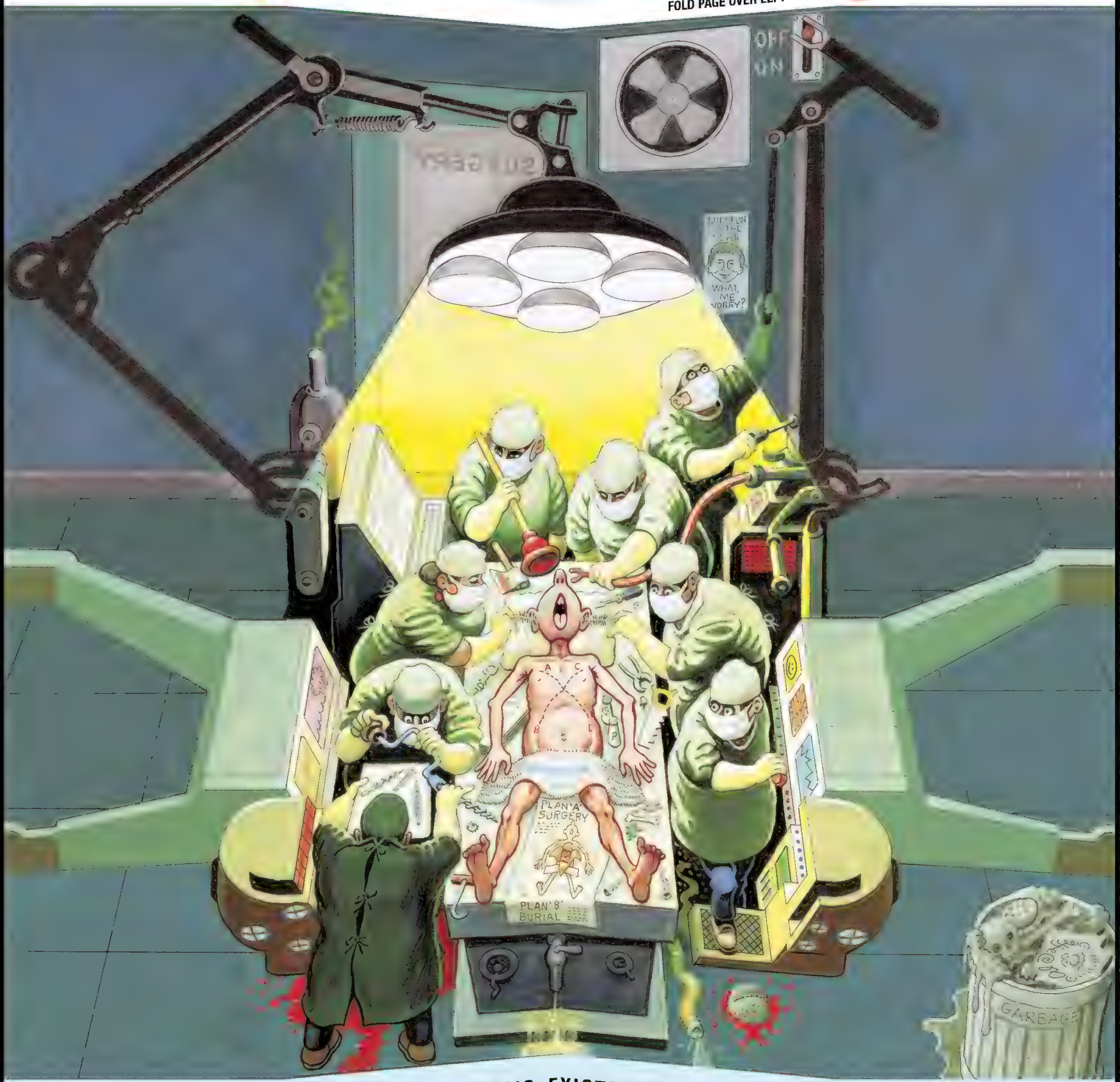


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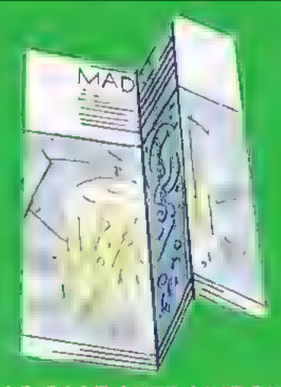


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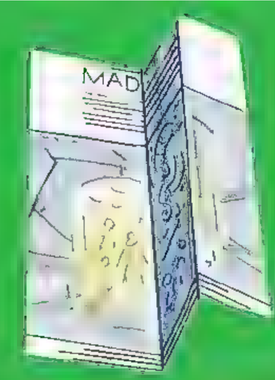


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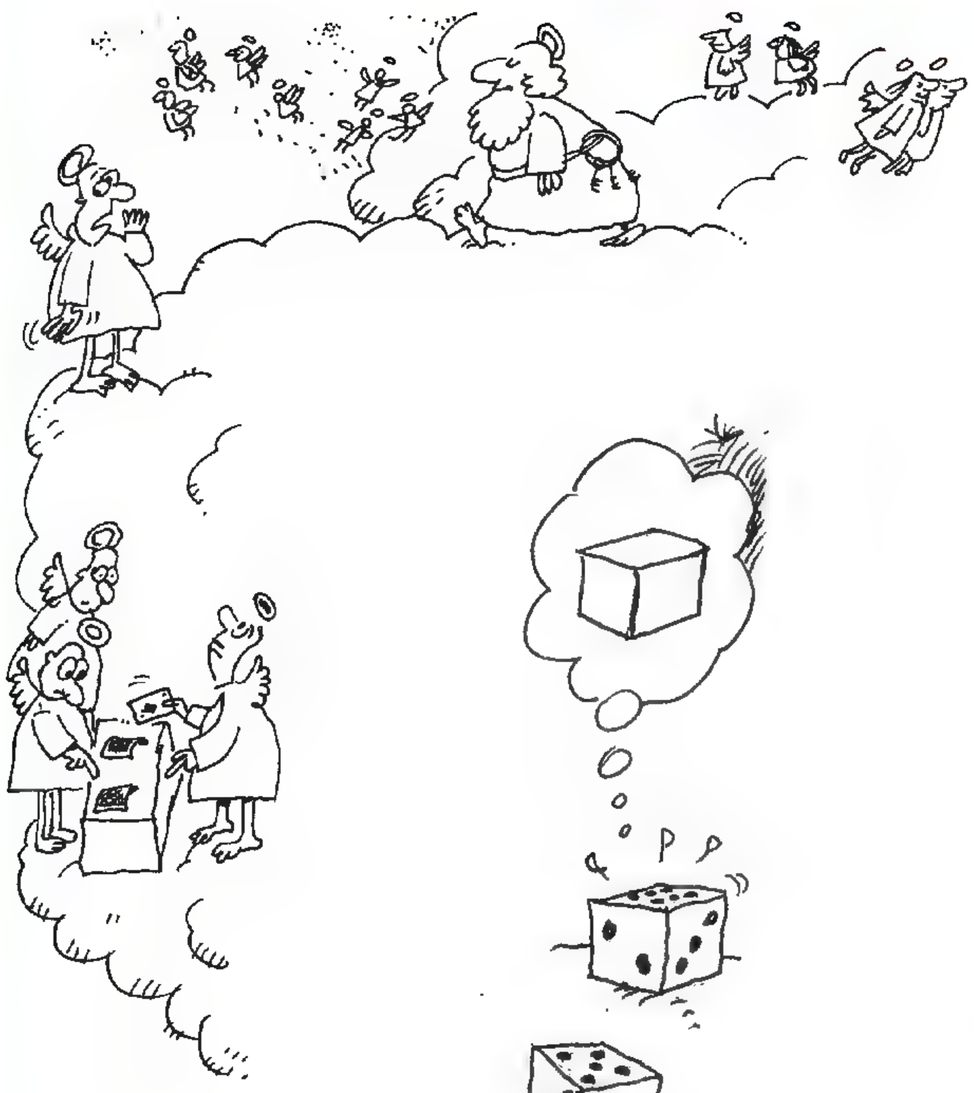

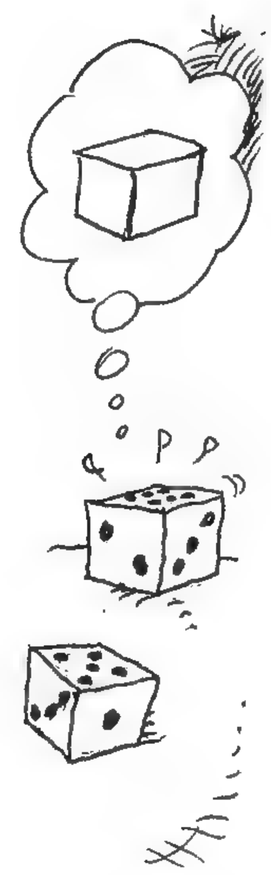

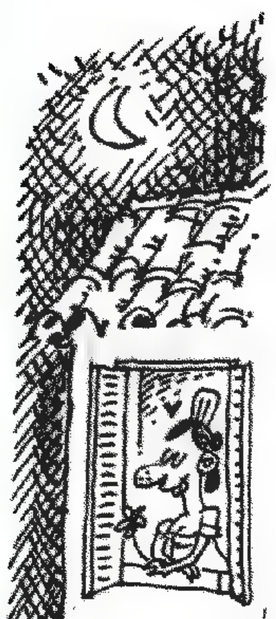

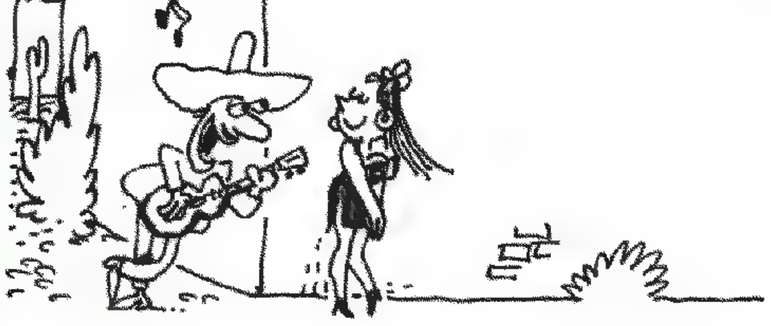

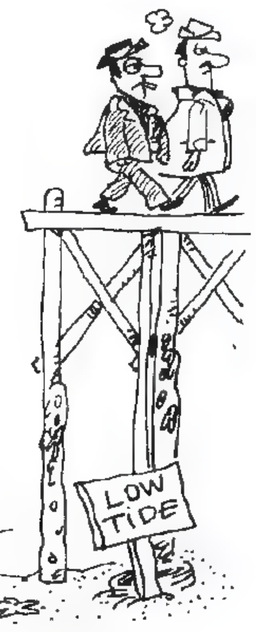

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# BONUS MATERIAL!

All this impeachment patter got you nostalgic for the Clinton era? Reminisce with this MAD (and mad!) piece from 1999.

Prepare for the fight of 2020 with this still-timely fold-in from 1968!

## BILLY CLUBBED DEPT.

For months now, the Republicans have been obsessed with the idea of impeaching Bill Clinton. The problem is, since all Slick Willie did was lie about his sex life, most Americans don't seem to give a damn. If Republicans truly want to give the President his walking papers, they should charge him with things he's done that have *really* irritated the American public. Like what, you ask? Like the following actions, which should have every American rising up and yelling...

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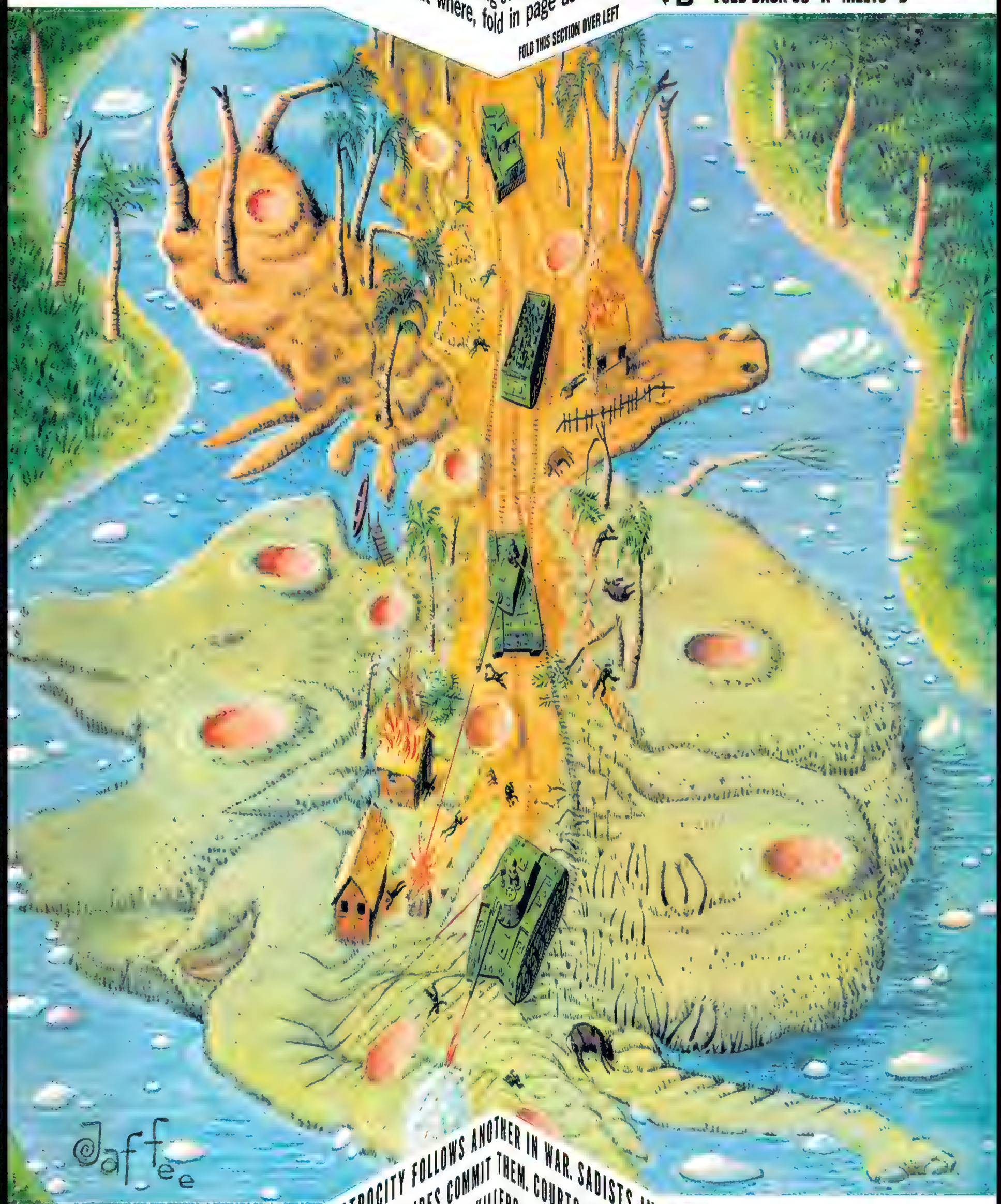


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